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CROSSING 'HOT SPOT': PARENTS VOICE FEARS

PARENTS of pupils at Romilly Primary School say they have serious concerns about the safety of children crossing Park Crescent.

Last week, a youngster was in collision with a car and suffered a fractured leg, but that hasn't

been the only incident in recent weeks.

Mark Overton, whose son James, aged seven, and daughter Emma, aged five, attend the school, said he had been present a few days earlier when there was another scare.

"I heard a scream - a boy of just two or three years old was halfway

over the crossing and a 4x4 had slammed on its anchors.

"He was two or three feet from being flattened. The mother ran out and grabbed him."

Whatever the rights and wrongs of either incident - the former is under police investigation - parents locally say they are nervous because of the high volume of traffic, combined with dozens of people crossing the road every few minutes at peak periods.

In fairness to the Vale Council, it has built a pedestrian crossing with traffic lights in an attempt to make things safer for those crossing the road.

However, Mark, who works in the health and safety industry, still has misgivings.

"Speed of traffic remains a problem. People going through here are in a hurry and there are a lot of distractions.

"It is for 'highways' to look at, but the speed limit should be 20mph and it should be marked on the road."

Rino Agozzino, who meets his six-year-old daughter Sofia at the end of the school day, has reservations about the new pedestrian crossing.

"It was better when there was a lollipop lady and a zebra crossing with belisha beacons. Drivers used to show normal courtesy and stop.

"Having the supervision of the lollipop lady was very reassuring."

Rino said the pedestrian lights were sometimes triggered after people had crossed and that drivers, seeing no one there, sometimes went through on red.

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN



ABOVE:

The Vale's AM went to the pedestrian crossing last Friday to canvass the views of local parents - she later called for the reinstatement of the crossing patrol.

He added that if Sainsburys moved into the Torque Tools site, vehicles going in and out of the car park would add yet another distraction.

One person picking children up from the school on Friday afternoon told The GEM that the pedestrian crossing was good, but needed to give large groups of people more time to get across the road.

Last Friday morning, the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, went to Park Crescent to see for herself.

She told The GEM: "Having met parents and witnessed the Romilly School crossing on a busy weekday without a school patrol officer, I am calling on the Vale Council to reinstate the school patrol now."

"I am also calling on the Vale planning committee to reject the Sainsburys application on safety grounds."

"A child was injured last week as a car drove through this crossing

and parents have reported to me several near misses at this crossing - one of the busiest traffic hot spots in Barry."

Rob Thomas, the head of planning and transportation at the Vale Council, pointed out that the application for Sainsburys was being considered by the planning committee today, May 19.

He explained: "On the wider issue, it is worth pointing out that while we offer every sympathy to the child that was hit by a car at 6pm, the council's school crossing patrol (SCP) service would not have been operating at this time."

"The SCP service is restricted to school hours and covers sites when schools start and close."

Mr Thomas added: "Following an investigation by the police into the incident, it would appear that no further action is required by the council in its role as highway authority."

Suspended sentence and curfew for a Barry drug dealer

A DRUG supplier has been jailed for a year, the sentence suspended for 18 months, at Cardiff Crown Court.

Richard McAuley (29) of Barry admitted possessing cannabis with intent to supply.

He was also ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work for the community and to pay costs of £1,500.

In addition, he was made subject to a 6.30pm-6am curfew for three months involving electronic tagging.

Judge Nicolas Parry said: "You have an appalling record and you have been involved with drugs for a long time."

"You deliberately flouted the law. You were supplying drugs commercially for a small profit."

Prosecutor Peter Harding Roberts said McAuley was arrested in Westbury Close, Barry, last year when

**REPORT by
AJ SICLUNA**

spotted acting suspiciously in the company of two others.

Soon after, the police found a bag containing cannabis worth £500 hidden in a nearby hedge.

McAuley told the police they would find his fingerprints in the bag.

On his mobile phone, the police discovered drug-related text messages.

He was said to have previous convictions for

cultivating drugs and supplying drugs.

His barrister, Ian Ibrahim, said: "He lost his job, fell in with the wrong crowd and dealt in drugs to keep debt collectors from his front door."

"He always wanted to turn his life around and took up an apprenticeship as a welder. He worked in the Caribbean earning £1,000 a week, but he became unemployed after suffering an injury."

"The offence was stupid and naive, but there is true remorse."

Burning Barry issues under consideration

TWO of the most controversial issues in Barry will be debated at the Vale Council's planning committee today, May 19.

A Sainsburys store could be given the go-ahead on Park Crescent, despite local opposition; and Persimmon homes hope to get the green light for 177 houses at White Farm.

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Public holiday for Saint's day?

I AM glad to see that there is a consultation taking place on whether St. David's Day should be a public holiday.

Wouldn't it be great if we could celebrate our national day with a day off? Isn't it about time that March 1 was marked as a public holiday?

I would urge you all to have your say at www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/8068.aspx Coun Richard Bertin, Barry (Independent Member, Vale of Glamorgan Council)

What do other readers think? Should the Welsh Saint's day be a public holiday? Contact us at the address given at the foot of the page.

'No decision has been made over gypsy site'

I HAVE read with interest in recent weeks, the various letters and media reports which all seem to suggest that the council is intending to earmark land at Cemetery Road, Barry, for the purposes of a gypsy and traveller site.

As cabinet member for planning and transportation, I write to set the record straight and to provide information so that all your readers can fully appreciate the position of the council.

The Vale Council has a duty to provide land through its Local Development Plan for gipsies and travellers.

This is a requirement that has been set down by the Welsh Assembly Government and the council has identified that there is a need to provide such a site (or sites) in the Vale of Glamorgan.

As part of ongoing work, on the Local Development Plan, the Vale Council has written to all individuals and organisations who have put forward proposals for land (these are commonly referred to as candidate sites), seeking feedback as to whether they would consider the use of their proposed (or candidate) site for the provision of a traveller site.

It has been made abundantly clear in the letter issued by the head of planning and transportation to all promoters that this is an initial investigation with the aim of compiling a data-

base of sites, which will then need further consideration and analysis.

No decisions have been made as to which, if indeed any of the sites that come forward will be appropriate and this will be a matter for further assessment.

The Local Development Plan will, once drafted be published for full consultation and all those with an interest in the plan will be given the opportunity to make comments to the council.

More information on the plan can be obtained on the council's web site through the following link http://www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk/living/planning/planning_policy/local_development_plan.aspx.

Coun Jeffrey James, OSJ, (Vale cabinet member for planning and transportation).

An open letter... YOU WERE ONLY JOKING?

When you said as a new government that you wouldn't balance the budget on the backs of the poor...

You were only joking, weren't you?

The fact that you have made life so much worse for disabled people and their loved ones who have given up other lives to stay at home to care...

You didn't mean that to happen, did you?

You meant to at least keep a level playing field, so we would not lose anything, didn't

you? And that was the promise to us, wasn't it?

So when our lives are so much worse in only a year, it's a joke, isn't it? You did not mean this to happen. You stood up and said clearly that it wouldn't.

My son has £15 a week less to live on, despite your promises that the most vulnerable will not bear the brunt of our community savings.

Sorry. But I now do not believe you. What you promised is not what has happened.

So, the joke's on us for believing you, for believing a better future for all included us, the disabled, the poor, the fragile, the fractured, the old, the ill and the dying.

You have made our life more difficult, and you have made us poorer.

Shame on me for believing; shame on you for lying.

Sol Jorgensen, Wick

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'Council should be more accountable for reckless spending'

THE Barry Dock link road has claimed the lives of many since it opened. It is a long sweeping road, is a mecca for the speed merchant on two wheels and four alike, let alone the 18-wheelers thundering up at maximum speed.

Earlier this year, we started to see some activity, with posts being erected either side of the Coldbrook junction. We had hoped they would be for speed cameras – so des-

perately needed in a death-ridden area, but no, they were very pretty, flashing speed advisory signs.

What a waste of money, as there is no deterrent for the speed merchants, who use the flashing signs as a way of checking their speedometer is functioning properly as they race up and down the road.

I read recently in The GEM that the Vale Council were seeking funding for traffic lights at the junction.

Surely they could have used the money wasted on smart flashy signs more wisely?

Tonight, I have witnessed the third accident in this death trap area since the signs went live – living proof that they do not work.

I really think the Vale Council should be more accountable for their reckless spending – and rectify their mistake in putting up these flashy signs immediately by starting the process of installing traffic lights, which would ultimately slow the traffic down and save lives.

Michael Fox, Barry.

LLANMAES PLANT SALE SUCCESS

LLANMAES Social Committee held their annual plant sale at the village hall on Sunday May 15, with a variety of bedding plants and perennials, vegetable plants and hanging baskets for sale.

Many plants were donated and the committee would like to thank residents for their generosity.

The event was very successful, with fine weather contributing to a good number of visitors and also the cream teas were very well supported.

Thanks also to Bill Lee for his usual fine display of hanging baskets, wealth of knowledge and raffle prize.

Debbie Cartwright, (Llanmaes Social Committee)

Young people join the fight against anti-social behaviour

YOUNG people have helped the Safer Vale Partnership produce an innovative DVD to combat anti-social behaviour.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said it has a four-stage approach to tackling antisocial behaviour.

Following complaint, a letter is sent to those identified or their parent or guardian: "Further incidents or a more serious initial incident will

result in progression to stage 2 – a meeting with a member of the partnership, to reinforce that such behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated and it is at this stage that the new DVD will be used.

"If the behaviour continues Stage 3 is known as the ABC stage, it stands for acceptable behaviour contract, the person will be invited to a meeting where they will sign an

ABC, this is a commitment by them to change their behaviour.

"Stage 4 was the final stage of the process and the point at which, after consultation, the partnership will apply for a full antisocial behaviour order (ASBO)."

Overall, antisocial behaviour has decreased by 14.7 per cent in the Vale of Glamorgan.

On the DVD young people from the Vale and neighbouring Bridgend, who have been given an ASBO, tell how they are now regretting behaving anti-socially.

The anti-social behaviour team worked with Vibe, a local youth organisation, to produce the DVD and young people from the Vale and Bridgend who volunteered to be filmed.

Superintendent Paul James said: "I would

like to thank the young people who took part in the DVD and shared their experience.

"At one time, these young people caused considerable antisocial behaviour in our community and through hard work and realisation of what they have done have turned their lives around and are now in college or employed.

"I hope that people who see the DVD in the future take notice of the consequence and think long and hard about the effect their actions are having."

If you are harassed or victimised, if antisocial behaviour is affecting your quality of life or making you fear for your safety or the safety of others, contact the 101 number or the Vale Contact Centre on 01446 700111.

Two-horse race for the Tory leadership

ANDREW RT DAVIES, the regional Assembly Member for South Wales Central, will contest the Welsh Conservative leadership election in a two-horse race against Monmouth AM Nick Ramsay.

The Conservatives are looking for a new leader in the Assembly because Nick Boume lost his seat at the recent election.

The two rivals are both in the newly-announced shadow cabinet, with Mr Davies, who lives in the

Vale, taking responsibility for business, enterprise and technology, and Mr Ramsay taking finance, business manager, chief whip and shadow leader of the House.

Mr Davies said: "I am very pleased to be able to confirm that I shall be putting my name forward for consideration by the party membership."

"I offer sincere thanks to the Assembly Members who are supporting my campaign, both as friends and colleagues."

"The Welsh Conservatives have con-

sistently moved forward over the last decade, and I very much look forward to continuing that good work with my colleagues across the party, if I am elected as the leader of the Assembly group."

He continued: "I hope that in my candidature, I am able to offer, not only the experience I have gained since becoming an Assembly Member, but also a wealth of experience gained from more than 20 years working outside politics."

"I shall be articulating a Conservative philosophy of the centre-right that can empower communities and enrich people's lives. Above all, though, it will be built on the core principle of fairness."

"I must thank in advance my wife and children for the support that they continue to give me in what will be an exceptionally busy couple of months!"

SAMARITANS' NEW SUPPORT GROUP

A NEW Samaritans 'bereaved by suicide' support group in Llantwit Major (announced in last week's GEM) has changed the nights it will meet.

The first meeting will be tonight, Thursday, May 19, rather than on May 26, at 7pm-9pm at Western Vale Mind, 29 Crawshaw Drive, Llantwit Major, CF61 2LH.

Further groups will be held on the third Thursday of each month.

Memories of old paddling pool



IN last week's paper, I noticed an article about the opening of the old paddling pool on Barry Island and it stated that the pool was built in the 1930s.

This postcard reproduction of the pool (above) is postmarked 1907.

The pool was always referred to as the glass pool because of the amount of glass from bottles which had been thrown in it.

The water along the coast in the 1940s and 1950s was heavily polluted. When the tide

came in, it brought a great deal of sewage with it and when the tide went out, it was deposited in the pool.

Before the pool was demolished, I only ever remember seeing it emptied in the winter.

The wooden plugs were knocked out allowing the water to drain and the pool was then cleaned of the glass and slurry ready for the summer.

I was told it was demolished on health and safety grounds and the cost of having a permanent lifeguard in the summer patrolling it.

Tom Clemett, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
19 Thur	09.22	9.8	21.44	9.9
20 Fri	10.08	9.7	22.29	9.6
21 Sat	10.54	9.3	23.13	9.2
22 Sun	11.33	8.8	23.53	8.7
23 Mon			12.20	8.3
24 Tues	00.44	8.2	13.09	7.9
25 Wed	01.39	7.9	14.02	7.6
26 Thur	02.34	7.6	15.11	7.5

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Issue of mental health at work is highlighted by Mind in the Vale

THE stresses and strains that people suffer at work were highlighted on Monday, May 17, by Mind in the Vale at Barry's Broad Street Station.

Members of the charity took time to speak to commuters to raise awareness of mental health at work, and give them leaflets with information as to how it can be dealt with.

It is believed that one in six workers is currently experiencing depression, stress or anxiety – and Mind's volunteers sported t-shirts with an elephant emblazoned across the front to illustrate that the issue can still be 'the elephant in the room' – something people might be reluctant to discuss.

The event was part of Mind's 'Taking Care of Business' campaign which hopes to prompt employers to take small actions to improve the well-being of the people who work for them.

Caroline Chapman of Mind in the Vale explained: "Everyone has their stressful days at work, but if your job is causing you distress over a period of time, this can have a damaging effect on your mental health."

In the last year alone, through mediation, Mind in the Vale helped 17 people to hold onto their

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN



ABOVE: Volunteers and staff at 'Travellers in Mind Cafe and Gallery' at Barry's Broad Street Station had an important message for commuters this week.

jobs when they had mental health issues.

Volunteers at the 'Travellers in Mind Cafe and Gallery', located on the station platform, reported a positive response from early morning commuters.

Erica Frost, the cafe manager, said: "I've spoken to a lot of people working in offices in Cardiff."

"One man asked for the information in Welsh, because he works in a Welsh environment, and we were able to give that to him."

Claire Davies explained that the group had also provided information for people working on the railways, who have particular problems to deal with in terms of aggression from some

members of the public in a confined environment.

Diana Waggett commented: "People have been very receptive to what we have been saying."

"The elephant t-shirts have had a good impact – we didn't want a small logo."

Caroline illustrated the welcome reaction of commuters by pointing out: "People were coming to us to ask for information and saying they could take it into their offices."

Among the information being given out this week is 'Taking Care of Business' – an invaluable pamphlet which gives employers a guide to making the work place a healthy environment.

The Travellers in

Mind Cafe and Gallery is a hidden gem in Barry, manned by people keen to get the message across that if someone has mental health problems, help is at hand.

Apart from the friendly service, it houses works of art in conjunction with the Vale of Glamorgan Artists, a bookshop, and claims to serve the best chocolate brownies in Barry!

So what sort of things can people do to make their workplace more mentally healthy?

The advice is:

● Connect – do something simple for colleagues like making a cup of tea or getting them a drink.

● Be active – go for a walk at lunchtime, or take a moment to grab some fresh air.

● Learn – take a few moments to expand your mind with the newspaper, a book or a crossword.

● Give – get to know your colleagues better; you could even hold a 'Wake up your Mind' fundraising breakfast to kickstart the day (see website below for more details).

People can find out more about the campaign, or the charity's work by dropping in to the station tomorrow between 7am and 1.30pm; by phoning 01446 730792; or by going to mind.org.uk/work

CADOXTON'S 'JUNIOR DIVERSITY' WOWS THE MEMORIAL HALL



Cadoxton Primary School's 'Junior Diversity' received whoops and cheers from an appreciative audience.

FIFTEEN children from years 4, 5 and 6 showcased their talent and passion for dance by representing Cadoxton Primary School in the Vale Schools' annual dance celebrations, 'Best Foot Forward.'

The event took place at the Barry Memorial Hall and Theatre.

'Junior Diversity' worked tirelessly after

school with their teachers (Miss Miller and Mrs Hughes) to choreograph a routine to the top ten hit single 'DJs Got Us Fallin' in Love' by Usher.

Their hard work was awarded with whoops and cheers from the audience! Well done everyone!

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CCTV assists in five arrests

CCTV, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted five arrests in the week ending May 15.

It contacted the police on 32 occasions, with two arrests made at Holton Road; one for being wanted on warrant and the other involving criminal damage.

Two arrests involved theft and driving offences at Thompson Street, Barry, and one arrest was made concerning criminal damage at Barry Road.

In addition, one person was reported for driving offences on Little Main Street, Barry.

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NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Politics students at the 'mother of parliaments'



Captain Ledbetter prepares to take off.

LAST term, a group of Barry Comprehensive School's year-12 and 13p Politics students made their way to London to visit the Houses of Parliament.

Despite a very early start, the students enjoyed the official tour of both chambers of parliament and developed their understanding of UK governance and politics.

After the tour, they went to Portcullis House to meet David Jones, the under-secretary for Wales. Students were able to question Mr Jones on a range of issues, including the future of devolution in Wales and his experience of being involved in the Cabinet.

After the opportunity to have lunch in the sunshine, students met their local MP, Alun Cairns, who very generously gave of his time to

answer students' questions about life as an MP.

YEAR-10 pupils from Barry Comprehensive School attended an engineering day at the University of Glamorgan recently.

The group visited the civil, mechanical and aeronautical engineering departments and took part in various tasks, including making and testing the strength of concrete.

The boys' favourite part of the visit was carrying out mechanical work on an aeroplane that was brought over, piece by piece, from Holland and reassembled in the university's purpose-built hangar.

The school runs a number of programmes to support pupils according to their ability, and these boys have been identified as 'more able and talented' in science, technology, mathematics or engineering and may become the engineers of tomorrow.

CHARITY SHOW IS A BIG HIT!



ABOVE: The Bliss Dancers.

THE Bliss Dancers recently performed a successful show at the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys.

The school raised £168 for Cardiff Dogs Home and £152 for Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, and received many favourable comments from the audience.

It teaches street dance and modern jazz in Dinas Powys and Penarth for ages three to adult using up to date music and providing a fun place to learn and perform dance.

The owner Laura said: "I'm getting more relaxed now, as this is only our fourth show, I really enjoyed this one and we had a great time back stage, too. I'm so proud of them."

For more information, telephone 07545 696760.

Breast cancer self help group

LADIES of the Lift Group and friends have recently enjoyed

an evening at the ballet Alice in Cardiff, followed by a guided walk and talk on the flora and fauna of Porthkerry park.

Voluntary organisation LIFT (Life Is For Today) is a self help group for those affected by breast cancer who meet in Cowbridge to offer support and friendship for people in the Vale.

On alternate Wednesdays there are relaxation therapies such as Reiki, reflexology and Indian head massage, from 10am-1pm.

On other Wednesdays in the month there are outings or speakers, from 2pm-4pm.

The next LIFT group meeting will be in Cowbridge on Wednesday, May 25, between 10am-1pm for relaxation therapies.

Contact Jan on 01446 774575 or Anne on 01446 772843 for further information.

'ROYAL CELEBRATION' AT RHWS PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY

CHILDREN at Rhws Primary School Nursery recently celebrated their own royal wedding day – and prepared for the occasion by making flags and flowers and practising their royal wedding song.

On 'the day' the children, dressed in their party best and wearing wedding hats they had created at home, sang and waved flags as they helped 'Will and Kate' process around the school in the royal coach!

After role-playing a wedding service with Rev Treherne, the children enjoyed Welsh country dancing and eating party food and wedding cake. The children had a fantastic and truly memorable day! KB



Young inspectors mark Dinas Powys school

THE St Andrew's Primary School in Dinas Powys has become the first school in the Vale to complete a self-assessment for the 'National Children and Young Person's Participation Standards'.

A Vale spokeswoman explained that the standards help to guide schools through the process of engaging young people in participation, which in turn enables them to voice their opinions and feel accepted, safe and respected.

"The self-assessment aims to identify current practice in relation to children's participation. The school believes it has achieved 'green' status in all of the standards and they have recently been assessed by a team of local young people working as inspectors.

"If the inspectors agree the school has met all the requirements it will be awarded a kite-mark to show



Pupils watch as the local teenagers assess participation standards at St Andrews primary.

the school has met the participation standards.

"The team of inspectors, Vaughan Thomas (17), Tom Sander (18) and Laura Kennedy (19), who attend youth services in the Vale, and youth leader Peter Heckles, visited St Andrew's to make,

what was, their first school inspection.

"The school is looking forward to seeing the report and is confident of a positive outcome."

Roadworks

Temporary traffic controls: Thompson Street, Barry and A4050 Port Road East, Barry.

ART DISPLAY

SULLY Painting Group are holding their annual art exhibition at the Jubilee Hall, off Smithies Avenue, Sully on Friday, June 3 from 6pm to 9pm and June 4 from 10am to 6pm, when 20 per cent of sales will be donated between Ty Hafan children's hospice and the local Alzheimer's Society. Refreshments, raffles.

Soccer school

DINAS POWYS FC will be running a soccer school from 9.30am – 3.30pm for years 2, 3 and 4 in the holiday break.

Coaches will hold UEFA licences and are all CRB checked. The day will be fun for all, with training and skills in the morning followed by mini world cup in the afternoon.

For further details, contact emailing lcf123@hotmail.co.uk or mobile 07736368353.

Restaurant is up for the Cup

VALE MP Alun Cairns has nominated the Rahil at Barry for the title of best south Asian restaurant in Britain, through entry into the Tiffin Cup competition.

The Rahil on Holton Road in Barry, received the largest number of nominations from customers across the Vale.

The Tiffin Cup is awarded every year by an all-party group of MPs, who are asked to nominate a restaurant in their constituency.

Mr Cairns had asked restaurant customers to send in their nominations to his constituency office.

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TODAY'S Vale planning committee meeting (May 19) will consider two issues which have generated heated debate in the town in recent months – the proposal for a Sainburys on Park Crescent, and the White Farm development for 177 homes.

In both instances, local people have expressed reservations about changes that might take place: Sainburys because of the effect on other local stores and the fact that it is situated near a busy junction and crossing; and White Farm because of over-development of a much-loved area and fears of flooding.

This week, the Plaid Cymru spokesman for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, urged Vale councillors to reject plans for the store: "The Park Crescent site is very dangerous – with metres of Romilly School and several major junctions, including a roundabout.

"Park Crescent is an inappropriate location for a major store with cars coming in and out all of the time, as well as making additional noise late at night after other shops in the area have shut for the evening.

"The new supermarket would also have the potential to do a lot of damage to other shops which have been on Park Crescent for decades and whose livelihoods are now at stake."

Sainburys says it has worked with the Vale Council for a number of months in putting forward the proposal for the store.

It argues that a branch on Park Crescent will improve choice, bring new jobs and investment, and says its convenience stores will complement other shops in the area.

WHITE FARM

One Barry resident, Bryn Evans, said that issues surrounding White Farm and Barry cemetery, where a number of his family are buried, are inextricably linked.

Mr Evans said: "I used to say: *Where are we going to bury our families in 10 to 15 years time?* but as space disappears, I have started to wonder what will happen in five to eight years."

Mr Evans believes some of the White Farm area might be needed in the future. "Barry is getting bigger and bigger, and that

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

means there will have to be expansion of the cemetery."

He also said that he believes White Farm may cause more flooding problems in the town if it goes ahead.

Reports on planning issues can be viewed on the Vale Council's website and Dennis Harkus of FocusBARRY commented: "The White Farm report shows that the land available for housing has increased since the development plan and the open space has decreased.

"It is difficult to understand the reasoning for this change, but even assuming it is justified, the Unitary Development Plan statement of 25 units to the hectare – the current report uses the word 'approximately' – would equate to 150 or 157 homes for the increased space depending on which figure from the report is used.

"The council officials consider the proposal for 177 units acceptable and compare the density with The Pastures even though those dwellings were in existence when the original policy was formulated.

"These are important decisions for Barry, coming just after the elections, and although the council do not allow the public to speak at the meeting, we are entitled to attend and display our interest."

Persimmon Homes East Wales has emphasised that the development at White Farm has been subject to thorough public consultation through both the UDP allocation and consideration of an outline planning application.

The company says that survey work had established that the road network could cope with the increase in traffic.

Early this year, a spokesman for the company insisted: "We are in discussions with the local authority and Environment Agency to make improvements to the drainage system such that it will alleviate flooding.

"Our scheme does not add to it at all, as we are attenuating the surface water on site, rather than at the moment as it just runs straight off the fields and into the brook.

"We understand people's concerns, but the development will only improve matters, not make them worse."

PENARTH BUS BACK ON ROAD

Penarth's P1 bus service will run this summer after a last-minute agreement between Penarth Town Council and the Vale Council to meet the increased costs needed to secure the service.

Last year, the P1 circular service was introduced on a trial basis to link various popular destinations within Penarth and the Marina.

However, prices had escalated and it appeared that it would not be feasible to rerun the service again this year.

A council spokeswoman reported that following a recent meeting of Penarth Town Council, an additional budget was made available by them and the Vale Council has been able to meet the remainder of the shortfall.

"As a result, the service this year will now be operated by New Adventure Travel (telephone 02920 616589) from Friday, May 27 (commencing at 9.57am from Pont-y-Werin) to Sunday, October 2 inclusive, on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays, linking the Marina, Cogan Station, the town centre, the esplanade and Cosmeston."

Man (18) on drugs charge

AN 18-year-old man has been charged with drugs offences after a police operation in Penarth.

On May 13, officers executed a search warrant where they recovered drugs believed to be cannabis and a quantity of cash from a property in the town.

A man has been charged with possession with intent to supply a controlled drug and will appear at the Vale Magistrates Court on June 8.

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Young entrepreneurs salute the rural funding scheme



Creative Rural Communities' senior rural regeneration officer Nia Hollins and principal rural regeneration officer Phil Chappell (on left), with some of the bursaries scheme participants.

YOUNG entrepreneurs gathered at Bar 44 in Cowbridge recently to celebrate the end of a unique scheme that has helped them boost their home-grown businesses.

The 'Inspiring the Vale' bursaries scheme, offered by the Vale Council's rural regeneration initiative, Creative Rural Communities, offered young people up to the age of 30 the opportunity to bid for grants which could be then used to set up a business or community enterprise within the rural area.

The bursaries were available to individuals or groups to support full-time, part-time or even spare-time ventures, and could be put towards a number of factors including marketing,

location/premises costs, equipment, IT, research, familiarisation visits and more.

The project came to a natural end in March 2011.

Young business people who had benefited from the scheme attended the celebration event and it was clear to see that its effects would be seen in the area for some time.

From bespoke cupcake and hamper companies to podcasting, events management and baby products; the range of successful companies created and supported by the scheme is diverse.

One company has even used its bursary to develop a prototype for a renewable energy source.

In all, 23 new businesses were set up as a result of the funding.

Senior regeneration officer, Nia Hollins, welcomed guests to the event and paid tribute to the

dedication shown by all.

She said: "This has been a tremendous achievement and I've loved working with everyone involved with the scheme."

"We've had such a variety of businesses come to us for help, each one with its own identity. I wish everyone the very best for the future."

Other businesses that have benefited from the scheme include a local rock band, a professional surfing school, a barber and a PAT testing company.

The 'Inspiring the Vale' bursaries scheme has received funding through the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013 which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

LLANTWIT COUNCILLOR IS ELECTED AS VALE MAYOR

THE long-serving Llantwit Major town councillor John Clifford, has been elected

Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Coun Clifford, who is the sole Conservative Vale councillor in Llantwit Major, served as deputy mayor last year.

Coun Clifford told The GEM that his consort would be his wife Christine, but that at the moment she was unwell.

He said: "I am very grateful that Carol Williams, who has just retired as manager of the Eryl Surgery, has agreed

to act as consort until Christine is able to join me on official duties."

He said that he would be nominating three official charities, one being involved in research into myeloma, a cancer of bone marrow, and also Llamau, which works with young people who are homeless.

He added: "I can't be too specific about my third charity, but it is a local retreat for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse."



Coun John Clifford with his consort Carol Williams.

St Curig school cooks show off their culinary skills!

NEWS FROM YSGOL GYMRAEG SANT CURIG

THE school's cookery club baked their last cake of the year just before the Easter break.

The club has run for the first two terms and has been a roaring success!

The plan was to run the club for the first half term but, due to popular demand, the club ended up running for two full terms! Thanks go mainly to Mr Aled Williams, year-4 teacher, who has organised the club with the help of other staff members.

A keen cook himself, Mr Williams was brimming with enthusiasm every week, thinking up new ideas for the children to hone their culinary skills.

He said: "I make a mean lemon drizzle at home and thought it would be nice to give the children a chance to develop these types of life skills in school."

The club has really taken off this year and we are already making preparations for the club to restart in September."

The children baked cakes, made 'fruit smoothies'

and cooked pizzas as well as other foods.

The headteacher Mrs Owen is a huge fan of the club and purchased a brand new cooker to support their efforts.

A big thank you also must go to parent Mr Tony Bumford, who once again supported the after school clubs with a kind donation of £150.

Part time chef Mr Williams raced out quickly to purchase a microwave oven for the club out of his share of the money!

Hoffai'r ysgol ddiolch i Mr Aled Williams am gynnal clwb coginio hynod o lwyddiannus eleni. Roedd y plant yn llawn brwdfrydedd wrth iddynt ddatblygu eu sgiliau yn y gegin.

Rwy'n siwr y byddai Mr Williams eisiau diolch i'r staff a wnaeth ei helpu yn ystod y flwyddyn. Estynnir gwahoddiad i John Torode a Greg Wallace o Masterchef i bigo mewn i'r clwb y flwyddyn nesaf! Hoffai'r ysgol hefyd ddiolch i riant sef Mr Tony Bumford, am ei gyfraniad hael o £150 tuag at ein clybiau allgyrsiol eto eleni.

NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY by Harold Williams

How the empire of bees moves to next generation

SWARMS! Swarms and more swarms, just like last year, Barbara Chick and I are responding to calls from people who have bee problems!

Several have been for bumblebees and several for the solitary bees.

Although they are called solitary bees they do like to carry out their activities as a group, when given the right circumstances.

Each bee is in fact an individual (female) who is doing her own thing.

In total, she will lay around 40 eggs (not all in the same place) in holes in the ground and in trees or fence-posts. All receive separate eggs.

Once she has exhausted her supply she will die, having fulfilled her duties and left provision for the next generation.

The next generation will remain sealed in the spot chosen by their mother until March of next year, when they will emerge as adult bees

ready to mate and repeat the cycle all over again.

The honeybee, however, has a completely different approach to reproduction, hence the swarm!

Once spring has sprung and the days begin to lengthen and temperatures rise, the queen bee steps up her egg production to increase the population of the hive.

This spring has produced an abundance of forage and the queens have responded likewise. Space becomes a premium within the beehive, so if the beekeeper does not meet the requirements of the hive, a swarm is the inevitable outcome.

Indicators are there for the beekeeper to see on inspection of the hive, i.e. frames filling with eggs and larvae, or sealed brood, drones (male bees) beginning to appear, but the most telling sign is the queen cells.

Once these are observed, the beekeeper needs to make some

decisions because should he not do so, the bees are going to make them for you!

Decision made, the swarm emerges - led by the old queen and a good many of the bees from within the hive. On emerging, the queen will alight nearby and the swarm will assemble and eventually move off to their chosen new home.

A powerful pheromone (chemical attractant) is given off by the queen, which assists in keeping the swarm together as a unit.

They will each, as a matter of course, have consumed as much honey from the hive stores as they can, because for the next two to three days they will be busy making wax and building new honeycomb in the new sight and not have time for foraging.

Meanwhile, back at the old home, bees are in residence plus the queen cells, one of which is going to hatch out first and this will in all likelihood become the new queen.

She will need to be mated hence the need for male bees (drones).

Once this is done, the new queen will settle down and start laying eggs to populate the hive once again.

In doing so a new hive is underway, until in a couple of years this new queen will have become the old queen and she in her turn will vacate the hive, leaving behind provision for a new generation of bees.

That then is how the bees keep their species going.

Many of the new beekeepers will be only too glad to take a swarm off our hands.

At least four swarms had decided to depart the collecting box before we could hand them over.

Sad to say, three swarms had to be destroyed due to our inability to get at them and they were causing a nuisance within the home of the people who called us out.

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Arsonist 'heard voices' just before he started Penarth care home fire

AN EXTENDED sentence has been passed at Cardiff Crown Court on an arsonist who deliberately set fire to a charity care home in Penarth.

When arrested, Ian Gordon (36), said he had heard voices shortly before starting the blaze.

Judge Nicholas Cooke ordered that Gordon serve a custodial sentence of four years and be on licence for 10 years.

There was, he said, a high risk of further offending.

"Your case is a complex one because of your use of drugs and your mental illness," the Judge said.

Gordon admitted arson, being reckless as to whether life would be endangered.

Prosecutor Jonathan Bushell said that at the time of the blaze on March 1, Gordon was a resident at a care home run by a charity, the Hafod Care Association, in Windsor Road, Penarth.

A total of seven residents lived there, all of whom had mental health issues. The house was a mid-terrace dwelling consisting of three storeys.

Report by AJ SICLUNA

At 2.15am on March 1, police went to the home and found all the residents outside in their nightclothes.

Officers went inside to make sure everybody had been evacuated and heard the "cracking" of a large blaze on the top floor, which the Fire Service later put out.

It was revealed, said Mr Bushell, that Gordon himself had called the Fire Service.

He approached the police and said: "Sorry, I'm sorry, I need to tell you something. I did it. It was me, I started the fire."

He said he had heard voices "telling him to do things" and he added: "I'm not well."

Gordon said he started the blaze by igniting lighter fuel on a carpet.

He added: "I don't know why I did it. I felt angry."

The damage, said Mr Bushell, was considerable and to date, repairs have cost £28,023.

The insurance policy excess, he said, was £2,500. When the police interviewed Gordon he said: "I didn't want to hurt anyone, and I got everyone out."

The voices he heard, he said, had been "calling him bad things".

He added: "I let off steam in a crazy way."

He was said to have previous convictions for causing damage, fraud, theft, robbery, drugs and deception.

His counsel, David Webster, said: "He didn't have a fascination or fixation with fire. His mental health condition was precipitated by substance e."

'Intergenerational Day'

THIS Saturday (May 21) King Square in Barry will step back to the 1940s to celebrate 'Intergenerational Day'.

The County Library and the 'Barry at War Heritage Group' are teaming up to put on the event.

World War Two re-enactors will deploy to King Square in jeeps and other military vehicles to bring history to life.

The library hosts a display of artefacts from both wars.

Dr Jonathan Hicks will launch his new thriller *The Dead of Mametz* at the library at midday.

Inspirational teacher's World War One medals



TD Williams memorial plaque.



The badges.

FURTHER to my article in last week's GEM, I was contacted by a reader who has the memorial plaque and medals that were awarded to Timothy Davies Williams, the outstanding history teacher at Barry County School, who was killed during the Great War.

The memorial plaque or 'Death Plaque' or Widow's Penny' as it was colloquially called, was awarded to the next of kin of men and women who died during the First World War.

The selected design was a 12-centimetre disk cast in bronze gunmetal, which incorporated the following: an image of Britannia holding an oak spray with leaves and acorns; an imperial lion; two dolphins representing Britain's sea power; the emblem of Imperial Germany's eagle being

torn to pieces by another lion; a rectangular tablet where the deceased individual's name was cast into the plaque.

No rank was given as it was intended to show equality in their sacrifice and the words "He died for freedom and honour".

The memorial plaque would be accompanied by a memorial scroll in the form of a letter from Buckingham Palace.

They would not usually arrive as a single package, but as a series of separate mailings. JONATHAN HICKS

Jonathan Hicks will be signing copies of his new crime novel *The Dead of Mametz*, part of which is set in Barry in 1916, at Barry Library at midday this Saturday (May 21).

See further details at www.jonathanhicks.co.uk

NEW CHURCH HALL A 'BEACON' TO COMMUNITY

THE official opening of Holy Trinity Church Hall on Trinity Street took place on Saturday, May 14, when the hall was packed with members of the church and community – as well as civic dignitaries and local councillors.

Speeches were made by the Minister, the Reverend Duncan Ballantyne, Elders, the architects and Jane Hutt AM.

Jane Hutt AM commented: "The official opening of the new hall by Jack Fairweather provided the opportunity for us to praise and thank Holy Trinity Church for their commitment and dedication over the past 10 years – raising the funds and managing the building of this wonderful new hall on Trinity Street."

"The new hall stands out like a beacon in its design inside and out, with many community groups using the facilities, including the Barry Male Voice Choir, as well as by the Church for worship."

"I have been involved in this project since its inception, with the inspiration of the late Gareth Howe, who took the first steps in securing the funding. I was able to support Gareth and Hayden Burgess in applying for a £97,000 grant from the Welsh Assembly Government, which was successful and helped bring this project to fruition."

Cheques handed to Barry Mayor for his charities

MAYOR of Barry, Coun Karl Kuhnelt, last week played host to representatives from RWE National Power, Aberthaw, and his chosen charities, Barry Ladies Choir and Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club.

Matthew Hughes, director of finance (Wales) for RWE National Power, Aberthaw, made a presentation to Pat Finch, Ann Oaten and

Angela Price of Barry Beavers, as part of the company's support for local community organisations.

A further presentation took place, in the mayor's parlour, the same evening, to commemorate the fact that Audrey Sanders, a member of Barry Ladies Choir, had raised £400 for the mayor's charities by swimming 100 lengths of Cardiff swimming pool.

Low bollards in store car park caused £1,200 damage – local man claims

A BARRY man has claimed a local supermarket should take responsibility for £1,200 worth of damage to his partner's car, after it was damaged by "low bollards" in the car park.

Mr Antony Leat said the damage took place on March 25 in the car park opposite Instore, which is owned by Morrisons.

'Top back doctor' at Vale Healthcare

NEW Zealander Garry Trainer, DOABAC, who was named as 'Britain's top back doctor' by The Times earlier this year, has joined the team of top specialists and therapists at Vale Healthcare.

He has opened a complementary natural back and neck pain clinic using his unique combination of osteopathy, acupuncture and massage.

Vale Healthcare's Vale Hospital is located in 3.4 acres of rural parkland at Hensol where he joins highly experienced consultants and therapists, many of whom treat key sports teams across Wales, including the Ospreys and Cardiff City.

Mr Trainer commented: "I am excited and delighted to be joining such a centre of clinical excellence as Vale Healthcare. The facilities are some of the best I've ever seen – equal to those in Harley Street, where I worked for more than 10 years."

His clinic takes place at The Vale Hospital on Fridays at 11am-4.30pm. To book an appointment, telephone 029 2083 6714.

Young players wanted

Barry Celts under-11 football teams, the Lions and Tigers, are looking for extra players to join them to play at under-12 next season.

If interested, contact Martin Bradshaw on 01446 411282.

CHURCH'S NEW HALL TO HOLD CONCERT

HOLY TRINITY Church in Barry is holding its first concert in the new church and community hall this Saturday (May 20).

A spokesman said: "Our friends in the Llandaff Musical Society have kindly agreed to present *Delights of Musical Theatre* which includes music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Richard Rodgers, Irving Berlin and Bizet."

Proceeds go to the roof fund. The event starts at 7.30pm, tickets are £5, and can be purchased on the door.

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End of an era for competition that has fostered community spirit in the Vale

THE organisation behind the Best Kept Village competition in the Vale has reached the end of an era, with the retirement of two key members.

The Best Kept Village (BKV) competition has been going for almost 60 years, having been created in the coronation year of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

The chairman of the management committee, Basil Watkins, is stepping down after being involved in the event since 1964, while the secretary, Richard Skinner, is also leaving his post because he is moving away from the Vale.

As a result, the committee is looking for a new chairman and secretary – and Mr Watkins feels that the time is right to bring in new blood on the committee as well.

He told The GEM that he had enjoyed his 47 years involvement with the BKV immensely.

He said: "It all started when my wife Eileen and I moved to Pendoylan in 1964, and we were invited to join in preparing the village."

"It was a wonderful way of getting to know our new neighbours, and we would put an evening's work in and end up in the Red Lion afterwards!"

They moved to the village at the right time, because Pendoylan was the Tiger Woods of its era, winning the Vale title eight times in 10 years, and going on to take the Welsh title twice.

The village retains its place as the village that was won most often to this day – a total of 15 times.

Mr Watkins recalled: "Stan Hughes, the school's headteacher, personally took responsibility for the bank opposite the school, and the Red Lion landlord Derek Walters ensured the pub was in tip top condition."

"The utility company was persuaded to bury underground dozens of cables that had been attached to a telegraph pole, and the brewery took down a particularly garish sign."

"Pupils on school picnics would pick up litter so that teachers would come back with rubbish stuffed in their wellies, and there was even a story, probably apocryphal, of when Olive Jenkins, the school cleaner, picked up a cigarette butt outside the pub and tucked it in her apron, and a customer came over and offered her a whole one!"

In time, Basil moved on to the management committee, and then he became chairman, and he is proud of the way the competition has developed.

A series of innovations has, he believes, increased the contribution the BKV makes to community spirit.

The first change was to take the annual presentation out on the road, with each year's winner hosting the next year's event – rather like the Eurovision Song Contest.

Previously, it had been held every year in the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge, but the new system, Mr Watkins feels, increases the sense of community participation.

If the village lacks a suitable venue, then the defending champions sponsor the evening in a nearby village.

The second big change introduced by the management committee has been to involve primary schools in the Vale, encouraging pupils to start their own gardens and look after their school grounds.

This has demonstrably been a success, with more than 24 schools now involved in the BKV. Mr Watkins said: "The enthusiasm shown has been such that we have had to institute a separate presentation night, because there was so much to celebrate in recognising the different projects."

"We had great support last year from Dyffryn Gardens, where the staff made the pupils feel special by putting on their own display and by inviting the pupils to make their own scarecrows and take them home afterwards."

The third innovation was to offer villages the chance of highlighting a 'special feature'. Mr Watkins said: "For some villages, this has been a 'taster' to see if they can put together a full entry."

"However, it has the definite bonus of motivating groups of residents to tackle a local eyesore or neglected area and transform it into something special."

A prime example of this was the Church Row gardens and stream at Pendoylan, where a row of five thatched cottages were built in 1770. The gardens and stream were overgrown and in a poor state.

Basil Watkins said: "Now, under the guidance of Lily and Cecil Matthews and Ian Morrison, the whole place has been transformed into a beautiful area with gardens for all seasons."

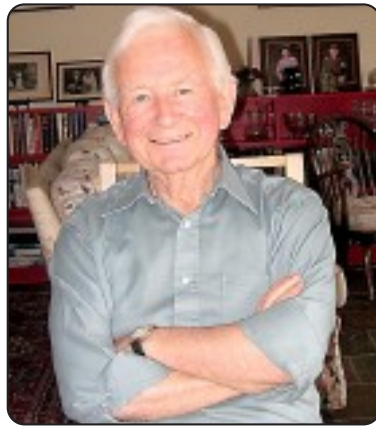
Similarly, in Wick a neglected area of the churchyard was transformed into a nature reserve as part of a school project.

The BKV competition has always been grateful for sponsors, and the two main sponsors are Cemex UK Ltd, who operate Wenvoe Quarry, and the Vale Council.

The event also gets much-appreciated support from Dyffryn Gardens, and local town and community councils.

A new sponsor this year is Ffos Las racecourse,

by PHILIP IRWIN



BASIL WATKINS – stepping down.

which is offering a free day's racing and a meal for a party of four as a fundraising exercise.

All the sponsorship income, last year some £2,300, goes on prizes: a cup, a sign on the village green, and a plaque on the village hall for the winners.

The villages that enter are visited by a team from the BKV committee, who draw up a short list, and then the matter is in the hands of the judge.

In recent years, Basil Watkins' task has been to chauffeur the judge around the short-listed villages, and so far a series of Lord Lieutenants and High Sheriffs, and also their deputies, have handled the hot potato of passing judgement – as feelings can sometimes run high!

This year, the judge will be Dan Clayton Jones, chairman of the Cowbridge Physic Garden.

Basil Watkins still loves the BKV competition, and his decision to stand down has been forced on him with the onset of macular degeneration which means he has progressively deteriorating eyesight.

Last year he gave up driving. As he noted, a judge who can't see very well is not likely to receive much credulity with the contestants!

Basil said: "I have very much enjoyed my time with the competition and have found it most rewarding."

"It was a tremendous pleasure witnessing the enthusiasm of the villagers taking part. Additionally, it has been responsible for quite a number of physical improvements, such as getting rid of garish signs and persuading pub owners and councils to refurbish the exterior of their premises."

He added: "I will, of course, be delighted to work with a new chairman to help ease him or her into the post."

"Similarly, I will make myself available to anyone who comes forward to get involved with the management committee."

"If you love the Vale and want to help retain its rural character and ancient traditions, then you will find it very rewarding."

Any enquiries about the posts of chairman, secretary and committee members should be made to Mr Richard Skinner, 2 The Meadow, Ystradowen, CF71 7TR.



Another view of the Church Row project.



Church Row, Pendoylan, was an impressive special feature.

RIGHT:

Proud winners of the primary school section – St Brides Major C in W School.



ABOVE:
Llanmaes was a recent winner.



GAVIN AND STACEY RUN FOR CHARITY

GAVIN and Stacey fan Richard Kell will run from Billericay to Barry on May 27-30 in aid of Help for Heroes.

He will set off from the home town of TV character Gavin, in Billericay, Essex, and end at Stacey's home town of Barry.

Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale, will run with Mr Kell through the Vale to Barry.

Mr Kell, from Hertfordshire, ran 26 marathons last year and said it would take about four days to complete the distance. He has raised £20,000 so far and hopes that other

dignitaries will join him along the 200-mile route.

John Baron, MP for Basildon and Billericay, will fire a starting pistol to start the charity run from Billericay.

Mr Cairns explained: "As the MP for the Vale of Glamorgan, I thought it my responsibility to escort Richard around the key TV location sites."

"We'll run past Gavin's home, filmed in the village of Dinas Powys, to Trinity Street in Barry where Stacey and Uncle Bryn live. But I should add that we'll be running down Trinity Street, as it is the steepest hill in Barry!"

Art Society's golden jubilee!

THE Cowbridge Art Society will end its celebration of its Golden Jubilee year with a buffet tea-party at the Bear Hotel on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 25.

The occasion not only signals the end of a significant year, but also presents the results of two of the aims set by the society to mark their 50th year.

Member Andy Lloyd will announce the launch of the society's new website, www.cowbridgeartsociety.com. The site will provide information about the society and allow members to keep abreast of the latest happenings, and will allow members to use the site to display and sell their pictures.

Member John Phillips will introduce his book *Cowbridge Art Society: A Historical Commentary 1960-2010*.

The writer attempts to trace the roots of the society and its journey through 50 years and he seeks answers to the questions: who were the founder members and how many were there and from where did the society spring?

The book contains nine chapters extending over 115 pages, 50 of which are profusely illustrated in colour and costs £25 plus postage and packing (enquiries to 01446 775735 or 01446 772287).

Today (Thursday) the society holds its annual general meeting at 7pm in the Old Hall, Cowbridge.

On Thursday, May 26, there will be a critique of members' work by Adrian Metcalfe at 7pm in the annexe of the Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge.

'Beware metal thieves' police warn residents

POLICE have issued a warning about domestic metal thefts in the Bridgend and Vale area.

There has been an increase in metal thefts, particularly of lead from porches and house extensions and other buildings. Deborah Elward, crime reduction tactical advisor for Bridgend, reported:

"Metal is being stolen in various forms from high voltage copper cables, lead from schools

and churches to manhole covers and railway signalling cable.

"Metal thieves will literally steal anything in order to sell it on for cash. We are seeing an increase in lead being stolen from domestic properties, which is something we are trying to raise awareness of."

"We are advising residents to try and make it as difficult as possible for metal thieves and to remove the opportunity for them to steal."

£412 raised for Bridgend disabled riding group

FOR the past year, Bridgend County Riding for the Disabled group has been Bridgend Sainsbury's nominated local charity, with several events in the store that raised more than £3,000 for the group.

This has enabled it to continue efforts to teach riding to local children with disabilities at Bridgend College's Pencoe campus.

On Tuesday, May 10, Clive Roberts, chairman, and Liz Worthington, a



trustee, met Sainsbury's store manager, Mr Simon Lean, who presented them (on behalf of the store) with cheques totalling £412.44.

Barry man is nominated for 'Leading Wales' award



CLIVE THOMAS

A BUSINESSMAN from Barry has beaten stiff competition from more than 100 entries to make it through to the final of this year's Leading Wales awards.

Clive Thomas, is managing partner at Welsh solicitors Watkins and Gunn, and also acts as membership secretary for Barry RFC in his spare time.

He has been nominated in the 'leadership in the private sector' category, for his contribution to the firm's continued success.

Barbara Chidgey, spokesperson for the Leading Wales awards, said: "This year we had a fantastic response from across all businesses and communities in Wales and very many outstanding entries. It has been a very difficult decision process but we are confident we have some fantastic examples of leadership from all over Wales."

Clive was nominated by Helen Barry, a colleague at Watkins and Gunn. The winners are being announced at a ceremony in the Hilton, Cardiff, today (Thursday May 19).

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D670.

● £2,000: 254610.

● The rollover, which now stands at £2,500, was not won this week.

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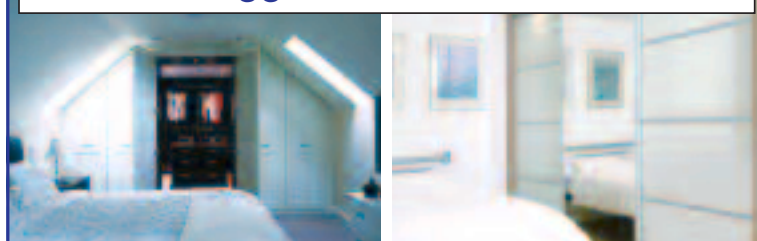
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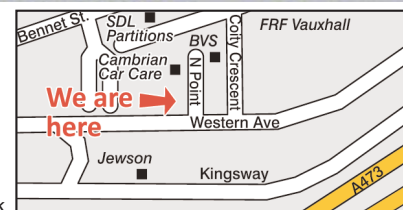
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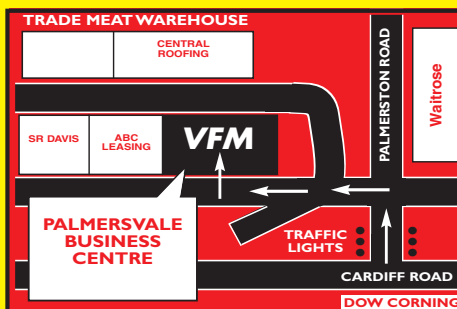
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Llandow waste plant application is pulled

A PLANNING application for a large recycling depot in Llandow has been withdrawn.

The Vale Council's planning department has confirmed that the agent for the proposed change of use for the site on Sutton Road withdrew the application on May 5.

Vale MP Alun Cairns has said that he will continue to support Llandow Community Council's campaign to oppose waste management planning applications for the area.

Three separate planning applications had been submitted by private companies to the Vale of

Glamorgan Council towards the end of 2010.

Mr Cairns said: "The application for Sutton Road was the largest of the applications, though the smaller applications for the other sites have received planning approval.

He had worked with the community to lodge their complaints and concerns with the planning department, and contributed to the video which residents had produced to present the huge response and concern expressed by residents and members of the Llandow Community Council regarding the proposed developments.

"I have no doubt that the concerns raised at the public meeting in Llyswoyney, and the strong opposition by the local Community Council, residents and business" has been a significant factor in this application being withdrawn," he added.

'Flytippers will be prosecuted'

A recent case of flytipping in Llantwit Major sparked outrage from local residents - someone had dumped rubbish from a bathroom renovation on a grass verge.

The Vale Council points out that there are very stiff penalties for people who deface the local environment.

Clifford Parish, the operational manager for waste management and cleansing, explained: "Flytipping is an anti-social and criminal activity that the council takes very seriously.

"Anyone found carrying out this illegal act will be prosecuted by the council.

"The penalties for those guilty of committing this offence range from a fixed penalty notice of £75 to fines of £20,000 - and possible six months imprisonment.

"Perhaps this will make criminals think twice prior to depositing their rubbish illegally again."

If people witness instances of flytipping they can contact waste management and cleansing enforcement officers on 01446 700111.

Mr Parish added: "All information will be treated with the utmost confidence."



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NATIONAL SMILE MONTH runs from May 15 to June 15, and British Dental Health Foundation, a leading UK charity, uses it to promote better oral health.

A spokesman explained: "We want people to look after their teeth and maintain them for life.

"This year we have chosen the 'Smile Factor' as our campaign theme.

"Healthy teeth improve the quality of a person's life and a simple smile has the energy to convey some of our strongest emotions.

"It also has the ability to influence the success of our relationships and careers.

"It is no coincidence that a confident smile is associated with images of people we see every day considered to have that special 'X-Factor'."

Some people don't have the confidence to smile because they are not happy or are self-conscious about their teeth.

The spokesman pointed out: "Other people are held back by poor oral well-being and its impact on their general health. At the British Dental Health Foundation, we want to put the smile back on people's faces and help them display their full personalities with our 'Smile Factor' campaign."

National Smile Month is encouraging schools to have 'fun days' for pupils at which they can learn important lessons in caring for their teeth.

The charity also has bright, eye-catching posters which can underline some of the most important campaign messages.

'Smile Month' encourages everyone to brush their teeth for the recommended two minutes, twice a day; and, of course, to make regular visits to the dentist.

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News in and out of class at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg



Spelling Bee
De Cymru.

THE four winners of the year-7 French Spelling Bee competition from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg recently went to Ysgol Cwrt Sart near Neath to take part in the south Wales finals.

Lois Aled, Nia Brown, Nia Fenn and Terry James all did superbly, but only Lois went through to the final round.

After a 'sudden death round', Lois finished second out of all the contestants, and as a result, will go forward to the Welsh final, where she will be among the top eight in the whole of Wales. We wish her the very best for the final in July!

Congratulations CONGRATULATIONS to head boy Jacob Ellis, who has been chosen as a member of the National Youth Theatre of Wales.

Following a rigorous round of auditions and workshops, Jacob was talent spotted for his acting and writing abilities.



The Spelling Bee four.

ty. He will spend several weeks with the company during the summer and will tour with a production during September.

British champion

WE are delighted to celebrate the fantastic news that year-8 pupil Ffion Byrne brought back the title of British Tumble Champion 2011 to Bro Morgannwg and Wales, following the British Schools Tumbling Finals in Stoke on Trent on May 7.



Head boy,
Jacob Ellis.



Ffion Byrne.

LATEST NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

HOME VIDEO BASICS!

THERE are three things to remember about home video: time, time, and time. When you have that right you can worry about not chopping off peoples, heads and feet.

Mike J has considerable experience in making video recordings. He has shed the worst habits of beginners and shared his thoughts with the club members.

His equipment is more up-market than the family video camera, but he was emphatic that the results depends on the operator as much as the kit.

Practice using your camera on something unimportant and view the results.

It is a safe guess that your first attempts will be dreadful – probably because you didn't take your time, didn't concentrate on keeping still and didn't take enough footage.

It is usual to start with a wide view to set the context of what follows. It is important to hold the view long enough for the audience to absorb it.

This is the first timing advice.

Hold all your shots for much longer than you expect to need them. Mike suggests at least an extra 30 seconds.

You can edit them to be shorter in due course. You will not be able to edit them to be longer!

Take far more than you will need, in the number of shots and their duration.

From the general view, you will want to show some aspects in detail. For this you can zoom in.

The second time advice is: zoom slowly or can be disconcerting to watch.

The same applies to zooming out again. Again, hold the shot longer than you expect to need.

Sweeping the camera sideways, (panning), needs to be done slowly and smoothly. You cope with turning your head quite quickly, but doing it with the camera make the result unwatchable.

The more you are zoomed-in the slower the panning, if at all. That's another timing constraint. If possible, hold the shots to be too long.

When changing location, say from outside to inside; switch off

the camera, but leave those vital extra times at the start and finish of each shot.

There are software video-editing packages of varying degrees of sophistication. Most will allow you to edit your efforts without difficulty, both for picture and for sound.

To make the end result attractive it is likely that you will reduce the time from, say an hour of video to say 15 to 20 minutes of finished product.

This will include the lead-in Titles and any end credits.

The extra footage on the shots will make life much easier to edit transitions from one scene to another, whether they cross-fade, wipe across the screen or look like pages being turned.

The camera never lies? Now the truth can be subject to your imagination and editing skills.

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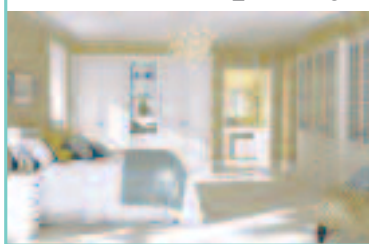
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On this and the following two pages, you will find experts in many of the areas that the homeowner has to consider when making big plans.

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By contrast, if you position things in the wrong, or inauspicious, place, you risk blocking those energy lines, or worse, sending all the positive energy straight out again.

Feng Shui – it translates literally as wind and water – is a huge subject. But to enhance the energy lines in your home, you could consider the following:

ENTRANCE HALL.

- Keep it clear. A cluttered home reflects a muddled mind.
- Use a bright light to attract good energy into your home.

• Take care that a mirror doesn't reflect the door – all your good energy could bounce right out of the house.

LIVING ROOM.

• Encourage good Feng Shui by arranging chairs within a regular hexagonal shape around a coffee table. Bad positioning would be an L shape, with seats in front of tall furniture.

• No sofas or chairs should have their backs to the door.

• Open doors onto an empty space, not in front of furniture, otherwise the flow of energy into the room will be blocked.

KITCHEN.

• Remove any clutter. In fact, all you should do in this room is cook.

• It should only have one door, in order to help the cook be more peaceful and relaxed. An ideal kitchen faces southeast.

• The most harmonious place for the cooker is on an island, with limited space behind, to prevent people walking behind the chef.

• Knives send out negative energy, so keep them out of sight to defuse arguments.

DINING ROOM.

• Watch where you sit; a dining chair with bars on the back creates the outline of a poison arrow and means bad luck.

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In the ideal home, everything must be in balance according to Feng Shui

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• An ideal room needs to be a regular shape, preferably square. If your dining room has protruding corners – for example, a chimney that's been blocked up – disguise the corners with large plants.

• Hang a large wall mirror. The food will be doubled on the table (which would be created by the mirror's reflection) but in reality, of course, there will be plenty for everyone.

BEDROOM

• Point your head south, but don't let the foot of the bed face the door. The bed should be as far from the door as possible, to permit the free flow of energy into the room.

• Everything in Feng Shui must balance. Bedrooms should have matching bedside tables and lamps, even if you are single.

• Never have computer or exercising equipment in your bedroom. This is a place for regeneration.

• Curtains are more effective than blinds.

WORKROOM

• Choose a northeast-facing room or one towards the front of the house.

• Use a wooden desk – it should be round if your job is creative, or square with rounded corners if you deal with figures. Square corners mean money could slip off the desk.

• Keep fresh red flowers to absorb negativity.

• Hang up pictures of your goals, not family photos.

TOILETS

• These are generally not good in Feng Shui, because you can inadvertently flush the good things from your life. In ancient China, toilets were kept outside the house. However, the best you can do today is keep the door shut and close the toilet lid, to stop wealth from draining away.

COLOURS IN THE HOME

• Paint walls or add ornaments to create the right atmosphere.

• Red: the most auspicious colour. It's linked to happiness, passion and growth (too much may make you hyperactive).

• Yellow: patience and wisdom.

• Orange: creativity, teamwork, and healing.

• Pink: love and romance.

• Black: money and power (use sparingly).

• Brown: use sparingly, it may cause you to move more slowly.

• Purple: high ideals and loyalty. A good colour.

• Blue: kindness and, for business, the colour of reliability.

Home secrets of a DIY guru

HOW do you make a big difference to a room with a comparatively small job?

DIY guru Julia Gray knows the answer – and it is skirting boards!

Julia writes: If you're just doing the skirting boards, you'll be amazed by what a difference revamping them can make to the whole room, and here are a few tips:

• It's essential to sand thoroughly before painting your skirting boards.

Use an electric sander on the flat parts and sandpaper where the sander can't reach. Clean the wood thoroughly after sanding.

• If your skirting boards are in

poor condition, scrape and sand off any chipped, flaking or cracked paint and fill the repairs with flexible wood filler.

• If you're painting over bare wood, apply a couple of coats of knotting solution to the knots first to seal them and stop the resin in them from ruining your paintwork.

• Use masking tape to protect your walls and floor when painting your skirting boards, but don't leave it on too long because it can form a seal with the dry paint and tear the paint when removed.

The safest option is to remove and reapply the masking tape between coats and to use low-tack masking tape.

Ask the expert...

Q: What's the best sort of paint to use on my skirting boards?

A: I always recommend water-based quick-drying wood paint – because it's nice to use, easy to clean off things it shouldn't be on, and takes very little time to dry, although you usually need to do quite a few coats.

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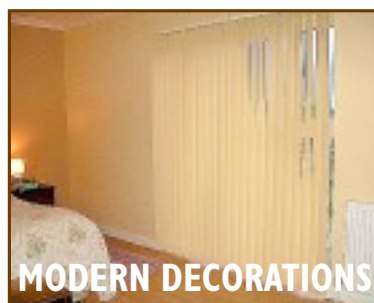
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Out and About with The GEM

Spring fayre

THE Children's Society is holding its annual **Spring Fayre** on **Saturday, June 4** at the **Paget Rooms, Penarth, 10am-12noon.**

A spokeswoman said: "There will be homemade cakes, savouries, preserves, plants, books, mystery parcels and other items, and an excellent raffle."

Admission is 50p, including refreshments.

Cancer support

ON Saturday, May 28, St Francis Millennium Centre, Park Road, Barry, will hold a charity event for Cancer Research Wales.

There will be a selection of stalls; face painting; raffle with grand prizes; plus tea, coffee and cakes available.

£1 entrance per family - no matter how many of you there are!

'EXPLORE AND MORE'

GAVIN AND STACEY star **Ifan Huw Dafydd** is backing a new initiative 'Explore & More' to encourage more people to explore the heritage on their doorstep in the Vale.

Local people are being invited to Dyffryn House and Gardens on Saturday (May 21) between 10am and 4pm, to be among the first to try out the new interactive kiosks created as part of the initiative featuring guides to nearby attractions, and they can watch short films starring the actor.

There will be reduced entry prices of £2 for adults and £1 for children on the day.

Golden oldies

AGE Concern Cardiff and the Vale and Grenville Jones of the Golden Oldies charity, are planning to form the first Goldies group in Wales, and are organising a 'taster session'.

The session takes place on **July 27 from 10am-12 noon at The Old Treli Library, Bishopston Road, Ely.** For further details, telephone 02920 578 372.

CRAFTY TEA PARTY FOR MARIE CURIE

THE Blooming Great Tea Party season is almost upon us and a children's nursery is planning to hold one with a difference!

Fun Foundations Day Nursery in Cowbridge is holding a **Crafty Tea Party** on **Saturday, July 30**, in aid of **Marie Curie Cancer Care.**

There will be unique gifts galore (including jewellery, scarves, vintage goods and individ-

ual baby goods), along with super fun activities for the children.

The tea room will be providing tea and cakes for the adults and children to enjoy.

A spokesperson said: "Marie Curie nurses do such a wonderful job and make such a huge difference to the lives of terminally ill patients and their families. They

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Young musicians line up with leading soprano at St Nicholas

ON May 9, Lisa Medi Williams from Cowbridge, and Lois Aled and Joseph Keenan, both residents of Penarth, along with Rhyddian Jenkins of Maesteg, revelled in the opportunity to perform alongside international soprano Rebecca Evans.

Lisa, Lois and Rhyddian sang, while Joseph played the saxophone.

The evening was in aid of Music in the Vale, a charitable organisation that holds an annual competition and provides all its finalists with performance opportunities.

This year's competition will be held over the weekend of **November 26-27 at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.**

More than 100 people attended the event, which was held at Coedardhyglyn, near St Nicholas, the family home of Annabelle and Rhodri Traherne. **EH**

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Urban alien invasion film blends in gags with the scary bits...

GIVEN the number of alien films that have hit cinema, it is easy to wonder just what our otherworldly visitors would actually think if they landed here.

Imagine, then, if their invasion plans found them landing in a particularly rough London council estate, where the locals would be just as intimidating, if not more, than whatever came off the spaceship. That is the premise for Joe Cornish's directorial debut, *Attack The Block*, which sees a teenage gang attempt to defend their area from invading aliens – but will the teenagers' street smarts, BMX bikes and mobile phones be enough of a match for these visitors?

With the success of the likes of *Shaun of the Dead*, it appears British film makers have got something of a touch for crafting low budget comedy shockers (if we ignore the awful *Lesbian Vampire Killers*).

Attack The Block is a film that works in a similar vein as *Shaun...* yet is played with an

even eye for laughs, along with scares and social commentary, something that works incredibly well, even if the latter element seems a little too tacked on.

Perhaps best known for his comedy work with partner in crime Adam Buxton, Joe Cornish's move from small screen laughs to big screen alien invasion picture is one skillfully negotiated.

The pair's comedy has always been shot through with a knowing wink at the world of cinema (just YouTube 'adam joe toy movie' for evidence), but Cornish's film is more than just simply an irreverent take on a much loved genre.

Instead, Cornish plays the film with a straight bat, capturing as realistic a take as you can of an alien invasion taking place within a tough council block, and the script, though comedic, also has its fair share of drama.

He shows a keen knowledge of the science fiction that has played its part in inspiring him, with his shot choices having the air of the likes of John Carpenter and early Spielberg, wringing tension from his location –

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

and shooting in a stylised but practical manner, while the effects are well marshalled, despite their obvious lack of funding.

His emphasis on making the 'heroes' of the film a gang of hoodie-wearing youths may smack of liberal thinking, while his desire to see them redeemed by their fightback against the alien invasion could be considered to be ill thought of, particularly on the basis of their actions in the early part of the film.

However, if you can ignore the mixed messages (it's OK to carry a knife as long as you're 'protecting' yourself apparently) then you can revel in the humour as these slang-speaking

teenagers attempt to protect their block.

The largely first-time cast deliver solid turns, with experienced heads Jodie Whittaker, Nick Frost and Luke Treadaway shoring up the performances.

The film hardly lingers longer than it has to, and the 88-minute running time, while spritely and lending the film an urgent air, does slightly short-change the characters and their reasons for the life they lead. (Cornish only briefly touches on the lead character of Moses and his back-ground).

It means his urge to paint them in a more saintly light doesn't have the depth to justify it. However, on the most basic level, *Attack The Block* is a dark

comedic film that manages to successfully blend frights with gags and, given his inexperience, marks out Joe Cornish as a talent to certainly keep an eye on.

VERDICT: A stellar first outing for writer/director Joe Cornish, *Attack The Block* comes packed with laughs but is backed up with a real desire to create a credible alien film.

Making light of the small budget and the largely first-time cast, there is much to recommend this entertaining, and uniquely British, take on a staple genre. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Shaun of the Dead*, *Mars Attacks!*, *Men In Black*.

An evening with Rhodri

RHODRI MORGAN, one of Wales' most distinguished politicians, will talk about life at the coalface of Welsh and British politics in Dinas Powys at the end of the month.

Part of the fundraising campaign for the 2012 National

Eisteddfod of Wales taking place in the Vale next year, the former First Minister will share his experiences of ten years at the top of politics in Wales.

Born in Cardiff, Rhodri Morgan was educated at Whitchurch Grammar School, before gaining degrees at the universities of Oxford and Harvard. Elected to Parliament in 1987, he served the Cardiff West constituency for 14 years, before retiring from the House of Commons, to focus his political energies on the newly-formed National Assembly for Wales.

When he announced his retirement from the leadership of Welsh Labour on his 70th birthday, Rhodri Morgan enjoyed public approval ratings of 65 per cent, making him one of the most popular leaders in recent political history.

He is married to Julie Morgan – newly-elected Assembly Member for Cardiff North – and has two daughters and a son.

This event follows the success of April's family treasure hunt, organised by Gwenllian Grigg and Monika Morgans, which raised nearly £100 for the Dinas Powys Eisteddfod Appeal.

• An Evening with Rhodri Morgan is at 7.30pm, on May 26 in Lee Hall, Dinas Powys.

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What's on & Where?

Flower arranging talk

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Vale MP on board 'microbus'



Hafal's Sian Davies, Rikki Withers and team are joined by Alun Cairns MP.

VALE MP Alun Cairns joined the 'Taking the Wheel' team, at King's Square in Barry, to support a campaign to empower mental health service users to take more control of their lives and the services they receive.

The event featured Hafal's VW microbus, where visitors could literally 'take the wheel' in a camper van rally simulator.

Service-user led organisations Hafal and MDF the Bipolar Organisation Cymru, are working in

partnership with the Mental Health Foundation to support the campaign.

Mr Cairns MP said he was keen to hear about issues faced in provision for those suffering from mental health illness and their carers.

He commented: "The new Mental Health Measure means that for people who suffer from mental health illness should be able to make choices about the care and treatment they receive."

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS :

From the ford of the rustling waters and up to holly ridge

FOUR ramblers joined Val Hartrey for an historic walk from Quakers Yard, whose early name was Rhyd y Grug or by translation, the ford of the rustling waters - probably because it was an easy spot to cross the River Taff.

During the 17th century, dissenters from the King's religion were persecuted, but Baptists and Quakers, the latter being very mistrusted by the community, began worshipping at the nearby Berthlwyd Farm and later the Quakers broke away completely to establish their own community, even opening their own burial ground in the village.

In lovely sunshine, the group joined part of the Taff Trail passing Edwardsville, a small urban area named after Edmund Edwards, businessman and proprietor of the Great Western Hotel.

They walked over the original stone sleepers where Richard Trevithick ran the first ever steam and passenger locomotive in 1804.

Next they reached the Goetre Coed Viaduct opened in 1841, standing at 90-feet with 6-spans crossing the valley and built by the great Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

The high stone walls holding the high embankment of the railway line further along were covered in bright green lichen and a stop for morning refreshments was taken at the old Pontygwaith Farmhouse which is open as part of the National Garden Scheme.

Continuing up the Taff Trail and climbing a winding forest track to Craig-yr-efail. A short

climb led them to the summit of Darren-y-Celyn or holly ridge, known locally as The Gap or the Giant's Bite.

The walkers dropped steeply downhill through housing to return to their start point.

On May 21, a change to the programme, meet at 9.45am at Llantwit Major Bus station (by the railway station) to catch the 9.55am bus to Ogmore and then the 11.5-mile mod/hard linear walk back to Llantwit; contact Barbara on 01446 734686.

On May 22, another change to the programme, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9-mile moderate walk taking in Skenfrith and Garway Hill; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Time for serious talk on resolutions

SOUTHERNDOWN WI NEWS

PRESIDENT Rhannon Gaen led an institute of reduced numbers at the May meeting of Southerndown WI which was the annual resolutions night.

WIs all over the country discuss the same subjects this month, chosen by all members in January.

The first resolution urges the ban of planning permission for factory farming.

Meryl gave a comprehensive account of the pros and cons of this - large scale farms for up to 4,000 cows or more and with a rather shortened life span.

The branch was against such mega farming and unanimous for the resolution.

Jane spoke about the second resolution, to urge the government to maintain support for local libraries. She pointed out that, apart from the educational and informative aspect of libraries, they provide

an important social link in the community.

Members recalled the always enjoyable visits to the library in their youth and later with their children.

It is a valuable, worthwhile asset in many ways nowadays, it seems unthinkable that there should be any question about its existence.

What would Carnegie be thinking were he alive today?

There was another unanimous vote for the resolution.

Diary dates in newsletter:

NFWI AGM at Liverpool, June 8, (observer tickets available);

Glamorgan Show, July 9, North Cornelly; Christmas at Leeds Castle, November 18-21, (including visit to Windsor).

The next monthly meeting is on June 9 in St Brides Major church hall at 7.15pm, when Alan from Barry will entertain with 'Owls 4U'.

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Eisteddfod proclamation countdown

TO start the celebrations leading to the Proclamation ceremony on June 25 at Barry for National Eisteddfod 2012, a concert has been arranged at The Bradenstoke Hall in St Donats on June 9.

The line-up is headed by Wynne Evans, who has invited his brother Mark (of WNO) friends, singer Shan Cothi, harpist Catrin Finch, and pianist Jeffrey Howard, from Only Men Aloud, to join him - and making new friends with him on the night will be young musical talent from the Vale.

Wynne said that he was looking forward to performing at this beautiful venue, but was not sure if his 'best friend'

Gio Compare would be able to join him.

Tickets can be obtained at Davies Newsagents Cowbridge, Ticketsource.co.uk (or ring 01446 774530)

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COWBRIDGE COMPOST RECYCLING CENTRE

Definitely a 'green for go'...

Compost company boosts Vale economy by cutting back on food waste

by PHILIP IRWIN

A COWBRIDGE company is continuing to expand its composting services by launching a food waste collection run.

Cowbridge Compost Ltd has expanded its business over the last 15 years, and has built a business that has stopped thousands of tons of waste going unnecessarily to landfill.

At the same time, it has enabled John Homfray, the owner, to offer more employment to local people.

A man who has long advocated the importance of diversification in the farming industry, he has practised what he preached and Cowbridge Compost, a business that can now process up to 25,000 tons of organic waste per year, is the result. Now, the company has launched a food waste collection service, aimed at businesses and organisations that generate large quantities of such waste.

Mr Homfray explained: "We currently have the contract to take the kitchen waste collected by the Vale Council, and a similar contract with Swansea City Council.

"However, every business needs a range of customers, and we are keen to have a wide client base."

Mr Homfray said: "In conjunction with WRAP Cymru (Waste Resources Action Programme Cymru) Cowbridge Compost has recently taken delivery of a brand new Ford RCV (refuse collection vehicle) along with a large number of 240 litre wheelie bins.

"This will enable the company to collect foods waste on a weekly basis from businesses – pubs, restaurants, cafes

and shops – in Cowbridge, Llantwit, Barry and Bridgend for recycling at our Llwynhelig Farm base."

He added: "Please contact us to check our very competitive rates – the new landfill tax rate applied from the April 2011 makes recycling extremely attractive and, of course, environmentally satisfying."

New machines have been bought, including a new shredder, tractor, trailers and an excavator.

In 2009, the company so impressed the judging panel of

the Chartered Institute of Waste management (CIWM) that it beat national companies such as Biffa and Veolia in its category, the PEEL People's Cup, for "...providing excellent career, training and social opportunities for their staff."

The company is continuing its free offer to Vale residents to collect free compost to use on their own gardens during normal working hours.

Company manager Mike Hallett said: "We are very happy to offer this for free, but we ask residents to bring their own containers and spades.

"They will find the compost just inside the farm complex on the left... just follow your nose."

The compost is an end product from waste residents have sent to be recycled, and this includes garden waste such as leaves, hedge clippings and grass cuttings as well as the food waste.

Mr Hallett said: "Our compost is currently used on the farm to grow products such as daffodils, swede and cereal crops.

"Cowbridge Compost Ltd has met environment agency standards and must regularly send off samples for testing to prove absence of e-coli and salmonella."



Pictured are staff of Cowbridge Compost (back row left to right): Phil Taylor, Josh Govier, Miles Davey, Mike Hallett, John Homfray. Front row: Jamie Cooper, Andy Scott and Gary Gooze.



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Retrospective planning application for the change of use of poultry sheds to use class B8 for storage purposes. Mr Mark Aston – 21 Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys – New dormer, master bedroom and window alterations to rear elevation.

Mr Andrew Preece – Highcroft, Llansannor – Single storey side extension. Mrs Hayley Clare – 1 Augusta Road, Penarth – Existing domestic dwelling with single storey to one side and part loft conversion/first floor to other to be altered to two storey building

throughout with flat roof to one side and sloping roof to other. Acorn Tree Services – 3 The Mount, Dinas Powys – Coppice one yew tree. Seraph Estates – 41 Barry Road, Barry – Conversion to four flats and dormer extension and rooflights. Mr David Walters –

Blackland Farm, Bonvilston – Conversion of agricultural building to residential use. Mr Andrew Gwyn – 43 Westward Rise, Barry – One and two storey extensions. Mr Mark Russin – 79 Cornerswell Road, Penarth – Proposed dormer loft conversion to rear of existing domestic dwelling. C/o Connections Design – Hillcrest House, Tredodridge, Cowbridge – First floor extension and internal works, with new porch. Mr David C Smith – The Sycamores, Llyswoerney – Removal of fir tree. NNB Generation Company Limited – Hinkley Point C, Hinkley Point, Somerset – Site clearance (including fencing, vegetation removal, demolition of existing structures, and creation of alternative footpaths); earthworks (including soil stripping and storage, site levelling, spoil screening/storage for re-use on site); provision of earth retaining structures; deep excavations; provision and relocation of drainage infrastructure (including culverts, outfalls,

balancing ponds); the provision and operation of plant and machinery (including concrete batching); site establishment works (including lay-over facilities, car parks, haulage roads, site access point and roundabouts. Ms Penny Fell – White Chapel, Llancarfan – Reduce the crowns on two deciduous trees, crown thin and crown lift one Indian Bean tree and fell one Cypress. Mr Kevin Ireland – Meadow Gate, 94 Lavernock Road, Penarth – Two storey extension to side elevation, single storey garage to side elevation, single storey porch to front elevation, single storey extension to rear elevation and contemporary update to all elevations. Mrs Jodie Phillips – 18 Drylla, Southra Park, Dinas Powys – Replacing existing conservatory with a brick lean-to extension. Mrs Emily Seel – 47-49 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys – Change of use of A1 ground floor showroom to D1 Veterinary Surgery. Mr Gareth Evans – 10

Elm Grove Road, Dinas Powys – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a new conservatory and remodelling works to property to accommodate new set of rooms for elderly parents. The Governors of Stanwell School – Stanwell School, Salisbury Avenue, Penarth – The demolition of an existing storage building and classroom block and the construction of a new indoor sports facility and replacement classrooms. The Governors of Stanwell School – Stanwell School, Salisbury Avenue, Penarth – Proposed single storey garage and store at Stanwell School, Penarth. Mr Steve Jones – The Stables, St Donats, Llantwit Major – Porch and garage extension with room over and conversion of roof space to form habitable room. Mr Jonathan Thomas – 8 Parklands, Corntown, Bridgend – Refurbishment and modifications to existing property. Mr Alun Day – 8 Glandy Nant, Treos, Bridgend – Single storey extension.

Mr Graham Walters – 11 Drylla, Dinas Powys – Demolish garage and erect two storey side extension to accommodate garage, utility room at ground floor and bedrooms and bathrooms at first floor. Mr A Thomas – Little Grange, Grange Avenue, Wenvoe – Formation of ground floor alterations, extensions with loft conversion in raised roof extension. Damian Hosker – Opposite 1, Bank House, East Street, Llantwit Major – Single BT telecommunication cabinet, painted green. Mr Andrew Griffiths – 19 Windy Ridge, Dinas Powys – Proposed pitched roof to include dormer over existing flat roof side additions. Mr Julian Hitchcock – Old Rectory, Llandough, Cowbridge – Single storey extension including internal alterations to kitchen. BAMC – Dragonfly Drive, Rhosce – Temporary change of use of land for a period of six months to facilitate dismantling of two Boeing 747 aircraft by British Airways.

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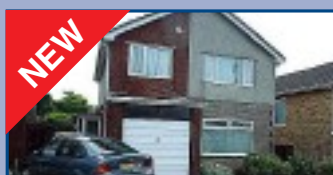
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Proposal/Cynnyg:	Proposed single storey cafeteria extension at Stanwell School Penarth
Location/Lleoliad:	Stanwell School, Salisbury Avenue, Penarth
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Penarth

Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/00424/CAC
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Demolition of redundant garden centre buildings
Location/Lleoliad:	R. S. Bird Ltd., Birds Lane, Cowbridge.
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/00404/LBC
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Application No/ Rhif y cais:	2011/00409/LBC
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Winning ways continue for Penarth Windsor tennis club

PENARTH Windsor LTC continued their excellent start to the season with another round of victories in the last week against tough competition.

The Ladies 3rd team have made a winning start to their season in their first two matches.

They launched the season with a convincing win away at Llysne. Edwina Gill and Elaine Newton, and Alison Ray and partner Yvonne Thomas both won one match each, while Gwenda Davies and Clare Jones won both theirs.

At the end of the first round Penarth were 2-1 up and this was converted into an impressive final 4-2 victory.

The second match was a home victory against Abergavenny. Gill, partnered by Lynne Hall, won one match, as did Ray and Thomas.

Davies and Jones won both matches resulting in a 4-2 victory.

Captain Clare Jones commented: "The team has played really well and we are delighted to win our first two matches. Everyone has played their part but special mention must go to Gwenda for her inspirational and calming pre-match words!"

Meanwhile, Windsor Men's 2nd team, under the captaincy of John Cox, followed up their win away at Cwmbran with a stunning 5-1 victory at home to local rivals Penarth Rectory.

Despite a close first round, Windsor emerged 3-0 leaders at the half way stage.

Tom Sidford and Tim Dawes edged the home side up to 4-0, while captain Cox and Dyfri Owen won their rubber to make it 5-0, with Rectory Road taking a consolation win at the end.

John Cox commented: "The scoreline may have been slightly flattering but it was a great win nonetheless. We've won our first two fixtures; it's a great start to the season and hopefully we can build on it and secure another promotion."

After a disappointing start to the season away against Usk 1sts, Windsor Men's 3rd team chalked up their first win of the campaign against a strong Abergavenny side.

by NIGEL GABRIEL



John Cox.

Windsor pair Alan Hope and Colin Jones suffered a defeat at the hands of an experienced Abergavenny first pair.

However, Simon Parkhouse and Morgan Williams and Mark Rhodes and Peter Bellingham, both had relatively comfortable wins to give Windsor a first round lead of 2-1.

Hope and Jones came out fighting for the second round and notched up a win, which guaranteed a draw.

However, with Parkhouse and Williams also suffering a defeat by the Abergavenny first pair, it was left to Rhodes and Bellingham to try to secure a Windsor victory.

After a nervous start they lost a closely contested first set on a tie-break but found their groove in the second set, coasting to a 6-1 win and with the momentum in their favour they then went on to take the third set tie break, bringing the overall match score to 4-2.

Wanderers learn what's what in new league

FOLLOWING on from the opening weekend's victory over Abercarn, Barry Wanderers travelled north full of confidence to face Llanarth in their second First XI fixture.

Wanderers skipper Jamie Keir won the toss and elected to bat. This proved to be the highlight of the day for the seashiders.

The mood for the day was set in the first five overs; thanks to some tight bowling from Spencer and Baxter, the Wanderers opening batsmen Sherriff and Thomas could not score a run, the rut broken thanks to a thick edge which ran for four off the edge of Thomas' bat, deep in the sixth over.

This built pressure and the Wanderers top order crumbled. Despite the watchful start, the openers could not accelerate and Thomas (10) and Sherriff (8) soon departed.

Last week's hero Hill soon followed for one before Pete Webb was unlucky to be caught off a ball that rose markedly off a length. Blundell looked to move things along but got caught in the deep for five and the Wanderers were in trouble on 52-5.

Hassett and Bowles began a recovery, and when Hassett departed for 22, Lane carried on where he left off. Together, Lane (32) and Bowles (23) batted nicely and thanks to a small wag of the tail with Keir, Hughes, and Stirke running for their lives, the visitors managed to scramble a total of 157.

The truth is that Llanarth were never in any trouble with their run chase. Despite some terrific bowling from Lane which accounted for the early wicket of Llanarth opener Waris, as well as good support from Bowles and Hughes, the total they were defending was at least 50 short of a decent score.

Llanarth's Baxter continued on from his excellent bowling spell and batted through to score 80 not out. Bowles took a stunning catch off the bowling of Stirke, and

Thomas held on to a steepener from a delivery from Hassett, but the Wanderers were never in the hunt in all honesty and Llanarth reached their target with four overs left and seven wickets in hand. It was a real eye opener for the Division 2 new boys and gave a real indication of what was required to succeed at this level, and that is runs.

The BWCC Sofa Sofa man of the match was Chris Lane.

SUNDAY XI V USK
IN a late change to the proposed fixture, the 2nd Sunday XI travelled to the Gwent valley to play Usk.

On an overcast day, the Wanderers won the toss and elected to bat first. Nimesh and Reno opened the innings and batted with good application on a track where the ball was keeping low. Nimesh, who had come off a century the previous day, was caught at backward square leg for 13.

This brought Aled to the wicket. After a sumptuous cover drive he missed a straight one and was back in the hutch for eight. At 35-2, the Wanderers needed to consolidate and did so with Reno playing an obdurate innings, ably backed up by Kunal.

Reno was out in the 24th over with the score on 80. By this time, Kunal was beginning to open up and was gaining in confidence. He went to 50 but didn't seem impressed by the new batsman Blundell's insistence that two were on offer.

His displeasure was taken out on one young bowler who was dispatched to the mid off boundary for six; the ball found its way into a parked Smart car via the sun roof.

Unfortunately the ball (now with Kunal) was in no fit state to play with, so a substitute was found. Kunal carried on where he left off and continued to play a succession of imperious shots.

While Blundell and Wolfenden perished for eight and five respectively, Kunal continued the onslaught and brought up his hun-

dred in the 39th over. The innings concluded with Kunal being stumped for a majestic 107.

The Wanderers had ascended to a challenging total of 194/5, which seemed a long way off before Kunal's heroics.

Gareth Jones and KP (0-32 from 8) opened the bowling and kept scoring down but without anything in the wicket column. The two opening batsmen seemed happy to rotate strike with shots predominantly to the leg side. Blundell turned to Seaward (0-22 from 4) and Aravin (0-18 from 3) in search of the elusive wicket but the batsman continued to score consistently without giving away any clear chances.

A further change was made at drinks and captain Blundell and Aled were tasked with getting a breakthrough. Hughes (0-35 from 8) bowled particularly well and was very unfortunate to remain wicketless throughout his spell. On more than one occasion he beat the bat and on another day he would have enjoyed more success.

On one particular appeal, wicketkeeper Reno was so convinced of a wicket that he starjumped in the air only for the ball to pass by him for four leg byes. Gareth Jones returned to bowl his final two overs and it was he who got the first wicket of the Usk innings by gratefully holding on to a caught and bowled chance. By this time the score was 140 from 30 overs.

The other opener continued to bat sensibly. What followed was a mini collapse of sorts, with Jones (2-30 from 8) and subsequently Blundell (1-31 from 6) picking up a further wicket apiece.

This only brought their captain to the crease and he hit the winning runs with the last ball of the 39th over, remaining 11no, while his senior partner finished 74no. So a convincing seven wicket defeat but a lot to be gained by playing a capable opposition.

Monty award for fielding goes to centurion Kunal for his wayward attempt at a potential run out that went for four overthrows.

LOCAL BUSINESS'S GIFT TO CENTENARY CLUB



Mr Ellis is pictured with club international Robert Horgan, Glyn Thomas and Chris Blake.

AS part of its commitment to the community, Lyndsay Ellis of Park Independent Funeral Directors congratulated Barry Athletic Bowls Club on their centenary celebrations and donated 12 mats to the club. Centenary chairman Mr Don Evans, and club chairman Mr Alf Pidduck, thanked Mr Ellis for his support.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE SEA VIEW LADS

RECENT catches have been good in Barry with the summer species starting to show in numbers.

Rays, dogs and eels have been caught, along with whiting, bass and the eagerly awaited hounds.

The Sea View Lads have shown their prowess by cleaning up at the recent CIU open competition fished at the Knap and Porthkerry.

Mickey Langford took overall first place with a bag that included a smoothound and a bass, while Mike Kerslake took second place with a thornback and whiting.

The top two team places were taken by the lads as well – all in all a fine day!

The following Sunday saw Mickey take the honors again with a couple of rays and dogs while Paul Crooke took second with a bag that included a 10lb 6oz hound.

Aida Harris was pipped into third place with a double figure eel. Wayne Taylor and Gary Morgan took fourth and fifth places.

The boats have fished well too and yet again Mickey took top place in the latest trip on Benjoma 11, his 'sleeper' on the last cast of the day squeezed Roy Bailey into second place.

Douglas was third with the biggest fish of the day, a 20lb conger in his catch. The trip was fished in good weather with thornies, blondes, dogs, eels, hounds and even a 5lb ling being caught.

JC

STAGS SCORE HAT-TRICK OF VICTORIES

ALL three Barry Athletic captains celebrated fine victories over the weekend.

First, Nathan Baker's Barry Athletic 1st XI travelled to face tricky opponents, Machen.

With a tricky surface for the batsmen, Baker won the toss and chose to field first in overcast weather.

The Stags got off to a fine start with some tight overs by Peter Hellyar and James Pietromonaco. The home side were under constant pressure and the pressure soon paid off with two quick wickets and the home side were reduced to just 31-2. Things were looking good for the Stags, but the home side soon settled and built an innings saving partnership of 58; until John Gee came along.

Anything be bowled turned to wickets as he tore through the batting line-up and, within nine of his allotted 15 overs, the home side were dismissed for just 157. Gee took the applause with a career best of 6-41.

After the tea session, the Stags faltered in their run chase. The pitch provided some assistance for the home side's bowlers as Lee Morgan (4) and Ian Gadd (8) were dismissed early on.

Nathan Baker (22) soon followed after edging one to the keeper and Damon Leake (6) continued to struggle with his form. The Stags were in danger of falling short of their target, but Pietromonaco was on hand to make his maiden 50 for the club when the Stags needed it most.

Cameo-performances from Ashley Baker (17) and Anjan Ganapathy (12) brought the Stags closer and despite wickets continuing to fall, the Stags laboured over the line with two wickets remaining. Pietromonaco finished on 62 not out.

STAGS DOMINATE BRECON

Simon Phillips claimed his first league win as 2nd XI captain, as Barry cruised to an 8-wicket win over Brecon.

With the absence of key batsman, Stephen Jones,

who hit a wonderful 90 last week against Malpas, Phillips claimed in Scott Hopkins.

On a fine day, the pitch looked good for batting and Brecon skipper, Terry Dickson, won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Stags began well with the ball, as Max Anwar and Dafydd Frost caused some early problems for the visitors, swinging the ball both ways and taking early wickets for the Stags.

Things got better for the Stags with the dismissal of Gwyn Price (39), which sparked a mini-collapse in the batting order. Brecon never really recovered and with all of the Barry bowlers threatening and taking wickets, it wasn't long before Brecon were dismissed for just 162 in 50 overs.

Barry picked up where they left off with the bat, as Henry Dawson and Craig Brock played positively and scored boundaries at a consistent rate. There was really no threat from the visitors as the Stags continued to dominate.

Even the dismissals of Dawson (14) and Martin Baker (2) didn't de-rail the home side as Hopkins joined Brecon in the T20 style batting display. Brecon failed to cause an upset and the target was reached with 21 overs to spare.

Brock finished on 77 not out and Hopkins closed on 47 not out. This victory sent the Stags joint top of the league, alongside Miskin Manor, and will encourage the Stags as they continue to look good for at least a top half finish.

STAGS COMPLETE HAT-TRICKIN BRECON

Andy Ellis completed a superb weekend for the Stags, as they edged out Brecon by just seven runs, in a game that went the distance. On a pitch that came up with all sorts of surprises, Brecon won the toss and chose to bowl first.

The Stags had the worst of starts as their match-winning partnership from last week was broken

inside the first over, with Griffith falling for a second ball duck. This brought an out-of-form Ashley Baker to the crease and with not a lot in the batting department, Baker was under pressure to steer the Stags towards a winning total, and that pressure was soon increased with the departures of Ellis and Esposti for low scores.

Baker responded to this pressure with a stable knock. He was given some useful assistance from Steve Jones (37) and a slice of 'lady luck', but took his chances well with some fine hitting to reach his first 50 of the season.

Sadly, Baker didn't make it much further as he was finally dismissed for a valiant 56. Crucial knocks from Richard Eastman and Bert Ackland rallied the Stags to 145 before being bowled out.

After the tea session, the Stags were fired up for their defence. Some great wicket-to-wicket bowling from Griffith and Frost proved to be a vital factor in breaking the home side's top order, and it was the determination of the fielders which kept the scoring rate at a snail's pace.

Wickets from Callum Twomey (4-18) ripped through the middle order and put the Stags in control. However, Gwyn Price (32) and Rhys Thomas (28) brought Brecon back into the match.

As the pressure began to increase, the final wickets were taken by Steve Jones and the Stags celebrated victory in the final over of the innings, by just seven runs.

Barry Athletic would like to thank this week's sponsor, Dops Paints, for their continued commitment to the club.

Barry Athletic would like to remind the Stag faithful that their first party of the season will take place on May 28, after the Barry 2nd XI vs. Welsh Asians match. There is also a chance to view the Champions League final match between Manchester United and FC Barcelona.

AB

Cowbridge under-14s fly Welsh flag in Paris!

OVER the Easter holidays, the Cowbridge under-14s rugby team headed to Disneyland Paris for the Annual International Junior Rugby Festival which took place over three days in sweltering temperatures.

First up was a tricky encounter against Hitchin Boys School which they won 29-7.

Next up was Newcastle Under Lyme and with the early nerves settled and confidence growing the Cowbridge lads proved far too much for their opponents running in five tries without reply. Score 33-0.

They beat Queen Elizabeth Hospital School from Bristol 12-5. Only a disaster in the final group match v Woodcote from South London would prevent Cowbridge proceeding as group winners into the semi finals. No disaster materialised and five tries to nil saw the Cowbridge lads go through to the semi finals as group winners. Score 31-0.

Day two of the festival saw the teams given the opportunity to receive some top quality coaching from ex-internationals Scott Quinell of Wales, Andy Gommarsall of England and Paul Turner the ex-Dragons Coach.

Day three was semi finals and finals day with Cowbridge facing Manchester Grammar School in the second semi final.

The Cowbridge boys set about the task to make it to the final, showing superior power up front and some great handling and running from the back division.

The Welsh lads didn't waiver running in three tries and rightly earning their place in the final against Judd School from Kent. The final score was 19-0.

The final took place in front of a crowd consisting of mainly English teams all supporting their compatriots from Kent against the outsiders from Wales.

The atmosphere served to fire up the Cowbridge lads who saved their best till last and put their fellow finalists to the sword running in six tries.

It was an outstanding display in all areas of the game from a dominant pack of forwards, some tremendous backline moves and some superb tackling and defence.

All that was left was to collect the International Festival Trophy at the presentation dinner which was presented to Cowbridge by Paul Turner and Andy Gommarsall.

All involved were very complimentary about the Cowbridge team's performance and in particular their superb display of running rugby.

The boys did their town and country proud! Thanks go to the boys, parents, supporters, Cowbridge coaching staff, tour organisers and tour sponsors.

It now transpires that due to lack of a suitable date at Cardiff Arms Park the Blues final will take place at the start of next season.

Cowbridge under-14 squad: Adam Dix, Alex Guard, Johnny Hunt, Freddy Dewey, Josh Thomas, Joshua Rogers, Matt Lock,



Cowbridge under-14 squad in Paris

Nicky Griffiths, Arron Bowman, Tom Higgins, Marc Herbert, Harry Dowell-Bennett, Will Brinkly, Matt Howells, Josh Payne, Dan Holder, Harry Goodfellow, Lloyd Elms, Noah Johnson, Joel Ringer, Trystan Notley, Joe Davies, Sam Richards, Dan Evans, Liam Martin, Sam Laity, George Griffiths, Jo Gaughan (captain).

NICK GUARD

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CADOXTON STRUGGLE IN MUNRO CUP CLASH

CADOXTON came up against Millwood in the Munro Cup.

Millwood reversed the result, from the A side fixture last week when they were heavily beaten, by getting consolation with an easy win.

Only the rink skipped by Les Cundliffe had success for Cadoxton, against the rink skipped by Derek Jeffries. They raced into a 10-1 lead before making the score 16-5 by the 11th end. A recovery during the final ends reduced the arrears.

On Graham Brown's rink the scores were level after 10 ends. Then a 2 gave them the advantage on the next. However this was short-lived with two 3s and a 6 against, to take the game away from them.

Kelvin Chedgzy dropped a 4 on the first, against the rink skipped by Peter Taylor but kept in contention, trailing by just two shots at the 13th end.

The visitors doubled their score during the last five ends without reply.

Don Kuhnell came up against Roger Jones, who performed admirably with help from all his rink to win comfortably.

Rink scores: P Ellis, G Solomon, I Robertson, G Brown 13, P Jones, C Mallow, D Gorringer, B Webb 22;

R Cole, M Matthews, L Davies, K Chedgzy 7, A Evans, J Slee, T Mahoney, P Taylor 18; J Stewart, D Evans, H Craven, D Kuhnell 10, G Stone, K Mills, A Hatcher, R Jones 18; T Bishop, R Knight, M Curtis, L Cundliffe 19, K Davies, M Gronow, G Kerslake, D Jeffries 14. Final score: 49-72.

Carruthers Shield

THE visit of Cadoxton to Barry Athletic coincided with the date of the club opening 100 years ago.

'The Athletic' took the opportunity to further their chances of winning the Carruthers section with a substantial success.

Graham Brown, skipped the rink against Glyn Thomas, and did his best to stop their progress with an early 5-0 advantage progressing to 18-6 after 15 ends.

This 12 shot lead was held until the final end when, with only the seventh successful end for the home side, the deficit was reduced with a 6.

Don Kuhnell met Dean Rees as his opposite skip and a close contest took place, to the half way stage, with only one shot difference.

A run of five ends were then lost by the visitors, to open a gap, which was partly closed in the closing ends.

The other two rinks skipped by Kelvin Chedgzy and Howard Craven, found it hard going against international players Robert Horgan and Chris Blake, and were well beaten.

Rink scores: P Ellis, G Davies, I Robertson, G Brown 22, L Stanley, P Webley, K Harris, G Thomas 16;

B Knight, M Matthews, J Crout, H Craven 13, S McKernan, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 38;

T Bishop, L Davies, J Davies, D Kuhnell 16, J Bealand, DK Williams, B Parrish, D Rees 23;

G Solomon, W Vaughan, L Cundliffe, K Chedgzy 5, D Snelling, R Cowling, G Whittaker, C Blake 24.

Final score, 56-101.

SVL

ANOTHER big win was produced by the Cadoxton 'A' side who entertained Murch A in the SVL. All rinks were successful.

Mike Curtis took his rink to 19-1 on the 12th end before five of the next seven ends went in favour of their opposition. A 4 on the last stopped the revival. Alan Carpenter's rink conceded just six singles and a 2 while building an impressive score including two 5s.

A similar story for John Stewart's rink with the scores conceded the same but two shots less scored.

To complete the whitewash Roy Harding's four manufactured a 22-8 lead after 17 ends with just five losing ends. Unfortunately 11 shots were lost over the last four ends.

Rink scores: G Powell, J Maidment, I Dunbar, J Stewart, 23, M Warman, B Frampton, B Toozer, T Mayor 8;

S Clarke, R Cole, D Brook, A Carpenter 25, C Savidge, R Goulding, G Lane, G Russell 8; L Adams, D Tuck, A Turner, R Harding 22, O Way, A Perry, F Maunders, R Pratt 19;

K Tanner, S Pycroft, G Garland, M Curtis, 27, J Flye, P Willis, H Guppy, J Evans 10.

Final score: 97-45.

LEADERS EXTEND THEIR POINTS ADVANTAGE



DAMIAN JONES was in fine form for Bridgend six a side Sunday Premier Division leaders B Attack as they saw off the challenge of Team Extreme by three goals to nil.

Their lead has been extended, as closest rivals Persil Boys slumped to a 3-1 defeat at the hands of The Pie Boys.

Misfits are within touching distance of the First Division title as they overcame Blackjack 3-1 with Minter Phoenix sitting second, as Lee Hurst guided them to a 2-0 win over Inter Windmill.

Beer Attack have opened up a three point lead at the summit of the Wednesday five a side league as Glyn Davies inspired a fine 3-1 win over The Invincibles.

El Wapos have dropped off the pace as they succumbed to a 2-0 reverse at the hands of Valley Commandos.

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PREMIER DIVISION

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Once again, the students representing the Cadoxton School did their instructors and parents proud, with the club bringing home with them a collection of 23 trophies between them.

Successful in their respective categories were:

Matthew Bennett, first in point and second in continuous sparring; Jamie Halford, first in continuous sparring; Bradley Halford,

first in continuous and second in point sparring; Charlotte Sullivan, first in point sparring; Lucy Newman, second in point and second in continuous sparring; Cameron Williams, first in continuous, first in point sparring and third in the pattern section; Cain Allen, third in continuous, third in point sparring and second in the pattern section; Morganne Gomez Jones, first in continuous sparring; Thomas Haysham, first in continuous, third in point sparring and second in the pattern section; Dafydd Jones, second in point and second in the continuous sparring; Ollie Tipples, first in point and second in continuous sparring;

Tracey Goodwin, first in continuous sparring and first in the adult patterns.

Dominic Todd just missed out on a podium place. Competing for the first time was young Cody Jacobsen who did exceptionally well, to come away with a fourth place.

The club are now in serious training for the world games, which are being held in Cardiff during August of this year and are actively seeking sponsors for this event.

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RON THOMAS

Learning curve for the Cowbridge youngsters

THE West Wales XI visited Pontardawe, where the pitch at Pontardawe is one of the more picturesque ones, approached over a narrow canal bridge and bordered by trees and the Afon Tawe.

It is where a gull once halted play by depositing a live eel close to silly mid off! (The eel was returned to the canal where it swam off without a backward glance or wriggle of thanks).

Cowbridge made steady progress at first until the Pontardawe captain arrived at number six. He scored a rapid 75 not out, which altered the balance of the game completely.

Several bowlers were used and apart from one, the

run rate was almost identical for each, although their luck was not. Rafi Shrizard bowled 11 good overs for only one wicket and deserved better, as did Rian Thomas from his five; he will be a great asset to the side.

Will Gamlin fielded well and picked up a good wicket, he is another welcome newcomer. It was good to see the return of Cai Owen and Jack Faulkner, both of whom also struck with the ball.

The outstanding performance came however from Tom Scott-Combes whose movement in the air was rewarded with four wickets for only 23 runs. Despite these efforts Potardawe made 219.

The batting performance sadly did not live up to the bowling and Cowbridge were soon seven runs for three wickets. The next batsman was the captain, who has no pretensions to aggressive stroke play but on this occasion, by dint of fierce concentration managed to keep one end going steadily until caught for 31 when trying to pull over midwicket. Rian Thomas contributed an elegant 10 runs and Will Gamlin will clearly score runs in the future.

Like a scorpion there was however a sting in the tail when the Shami brothers Hamza and Hatim provided a cameo performance contributing a valuable 13 runs. Cowbridge were all out for 97.

A few extra points were earned, new players were welcomed and it was a good game providing valuable experience.

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Tim in successful winning run

'HAVE horses will travel' is certainly the motto of Aberthyn trainer Tim Vaughan.

Since his success with *Spirit Of Adjisa* in the big novices hurdle race at Punchestown in Ireland, he has sent out the following winners: *Patixboome* at Plumpton, *Holoko Heights* and *Erdeli* at Towcester, *Stonethrower* at Wincanton, *Hucking Hero* at Ludlow and last Saturday a 20-1 beauty in *Moorlands Jack* at Uttoxeter.

Vaughan, a graduate of the Llangainor Hunt Pony Club, wasn't at Uttoxeter to see his most

recent winner.

He was at Laleston supporting his local point-to-point with his wife Abbi and children.

Abbi saddled *City Affair*, the winner of the confined race owned by Barry's Andrew Lowrie and ridden by Pembroke's Mathew Barber.

Llancarfan's Evan Williams landed the feature race - Rayford Caravan Park Handicap Chase - at Stratford on Sunday with his seven-year-old *Trooper*

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Cottrell Park ladies present winter trophy

COTTRELL PARK ladies had a busy Easter week starting with a treasure hunt in Cowbridge.

Ten teams of three set out to solve a list of clues and to find the objects asked for, returning with a swan, three feathers, a hummingbird and an object from outer space.

Kay Bradbury, Mij Evans and Chris Impey were the worthy winners.

On Thursday, a 12-hole Easter Stableford was played in the sunshine, with some very good scores. The winner was Sandra Collin with 26 points, second was Angela Padfield with 25 points, third, Mary Davies on 24 points.

Following a nice lunch, Jenny McGlyne the ladies' captain, presented the winter league trophy to Helen Evans.

The winter eclectic was won by Margaret Thomas.

She also gave the winners of the Easter competition nicely decorated baskets of Easter eggs, which were much appreciated.

The mixed Easter Monday Texas Scramble was enjoyed by all, and the winners were Jenny McGlyne, John McGlyne, Vicki Long and Robert McAndrew with a gross score of 69, net 62.6.

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Sending off proves crucial as Dinas Powys slip to defeat

AFTER the first encounter between these two sides, Dinas were confident that they could give the Division Two champions another run for their money and so it proved.

After an even start Ton had the first shot on goal when a Dinas pass was cut out and Kristofer Rees hit a powerful shot from 18 yards which Dave Burnett parried and then gathered.

Gareth Tedstone then had a good run down the right and his on-target shot was taken at full stretch by Ton's Jon Howe.

On the 15-minute mark Wayne Antoniazzi evaded a couple of tackles but his cross-cum-shot was taken by Burnett.

Just minutes later came the controversial decision that had a bearing on the rest of the match. The Bulldogs attacked in numbers and after two initial shots from Andrew Hughes and Josh Evans were blocked on the line, the ball fell to Antoniazzi who drove it home from 10 yards for the opener

**Dinas Powys
Ton Pentre**

by Peter King

on 18 minutes.

The referee then blew up and after some debate, showed Dinas defender Dave Penikett a straight red card for violent conduct which he vehemently denied.

The Villagers regrouped and, at times played some lovely football, keeping the ball well.

The game was heated at times and numerous free-kicks and bookings were in evidence for both sides but the score-line remained at just one goal at the interval.

The home team had the worst start possible when they conceded another goal just two minutes after the break when a defensive header dropped invitingly for Evans to head a looping shot in for 2-0.

The Villagers then brought Mark Dunford on for Ben Diamond and they began to get on top. A ball over the defence from Steve Provis found Dunford on side but he shot over the bar.

The home side then had keeper Burnett to

thank for a wonderful double save, first he punched a dangerous cross out followed by a shot from Andrew Hughes which looked goal-bound but Burnett dived backwards to claw the ball away to safety.

With 10 minutes remaining, Dinas got the reward their endeavours deserved when, from a corner, Steve Provis headed home powerfully from eight yards for 2-1.

This spurred them on and Ton were forced to hang on for the last 10 minutes, conceding several free-kicks, but Dinas were unable to take advantage of them as time ran out.

The home side's manager, Marc Cahill, went on record as saying how proud he was of his squad, especially with 10 men for most of the game as they had put in a disciplined and professional performance.

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GEM sport

Vale clubs provide stern test for Barry Athletic

FREAK weather conditions greeted Barry Athletic Bowls Club's second centenary fixture at Barry Island last week, when the Vale of Glamorgan Bowling Association provided the opposition.

Minutes before the start of this celebration match, the Athletic green was a blanket of white - an inch of hailstones following a sudden cloudburst.

The dramatic conditions failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the 48 participating bowlers and within 10 minutes it was back to the green, green grass of the host club.

Vale of Glamorgan County BA president Kelvin Chedgoy (Cadoxton), selected strong rinks representing six clubs from the Vale.

They supplied keen opposition in an afternoon of fine bowling on a surprisingly excellent green prepared by grounds representative Dave Snelling, one of Athletic's conscientious

by CLIVE PHILLIPS

workers. The Athletic registered a 118 shots to 89, win and it was appropriate that the top rink featured the home club's centenary captain of the day, Russell Evans.

Russell, or 'R' as he is affectionately known, is a former British Isles singles champion and Commonwealth Games medallist.

His rink was a blend of young talent and vastly experienced bowlers. The new talent comprised Steve McKernan at lead and Ben Parrish at No 3.

Russell played at No 2 with the indefatigable Gareth Humphreys skip. Playing against the Vale President's rink, Russell's squad took the honours with a 19-6 win.

There were also victories for home skips Geoff Whittaker (23-12), Chris Wright (22-16) and DK Williams (16-14).

Scores: Barry Athletic v Vale B.A. S McKernan, JR Evans, B Parrish, G Humphreys 19-6; C Phillips, B Summerrell, JP Donovan, G Whittaker

23-12; G Gane, J Coll, D Newman, DK Williams 16-14; J Beanland, GW Thomas, B Wright, P Webley 19-21; J Ball, E Booker, I Stevenson, D Snelling 19-20; D Evans, P Clarke, C Spillane, C Wright 22-16.

The first team coasted to a 45 shot win against Cadoxton in a WBA Carruthers Shield qualifier at Barry Island on Saturday.

Skips Chris Blake and Captain Robert Horgan were in top form and made a big contribution in a 101-56 triumph.

Robert's rink, featuring young bowlers Steve McKernan, Dan Jones and Chris Wright, had a 25 shot difference with a 38-13 score that includ-

ed four fours and a five.

Chris's squad (Dave Snelling, Richard Cowling and Geoff Whittaker) obliged with a 24-9 success and there was also a win for Dean Rees' rink. Glyn Thomas picked up a six on the last end but trailed in 16-22.

The Athletic play their third qualifying fixture on Saturday when they entertain Bridgend Municipal. The second team open their PG2 programme at Penarth on Sunday.

Scores: v Cadoxton S McKernan, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 38-13; D Snelling, R Cowling, G Whittaker, C Blake 24-5; J Beanland, DK Williams, B Parrish, D Rees 23-16; L Stanley, P Webley, K Harris, G Thomas 16-22.

AFC COLCOT COME TO THE END OF A HARD SEASON



ABOVE: AFC Colcot were a well turned out team this season, thanks to Centrica Energy in Barry.

The Centurions fall short in their Mumbles run chase

by Mick Fisher

SULLY Centurions First XI travelled to Premier League new boys Mumbles CC on Saturday and came away well beaten.

Batting first, Mumbles were in a bit of trouble early on when the in-form David Eskins removed Hemp and Lewis-Williams to leave the home side on 34 for 2.

Glamorgan's David Brown, who was dropped early on, hung in and began peppering the boundary.

However, two more wickets - Holden caught by Eskins off Liam Woolls for 17 and Smith (caught by Gareth Davies off Lloyd Smith for 7) left Mumbles on 93 for 4.

But this was the last breakthrough for Sully,

as Brown continued to play his shots, ably supported by Centurions old boy Morgan Hodges, and the pair made hay as Centurions wilted in the field.

Brown ended up with a magnificent 150 not out, including seventeen 4s and two 6s, and Hodges, who had also survived an early dropped catch, reached an unbeaten 63.

Mumbles ended on 267 for 4 after the 50 overs.

Centurions' innings began well, with Ryan Sylvester and Mike O'Shea taking the score along to 70 before Ryan was out for 31. But with Mike O'Shea going for 37 and none of the other big guns firing at the top of the order, the situation was rapidly worsening.

Things looked bleak when the normally dependable Jamie Sylvester was out for a duck (caught behind off the bowling of Griffiths) leaving Centurions on 106 for 5.

A spirited 19 from Tom Evison and a ninth wicket stand of 40 between David Eskins (20) and Julian Griffiths (21) gave Sully a little hope, but the innings closed on 188 all out,

way short of the target.

The champions were left rueing missed chances and dropped catches.

A big pick-me-up is now required; perhaps this may come next week when Centurions face Downend in the second round of the ECB National Knockout at Burnham Avenue.

The Second XI entertained Mumbles Seconds at Burnham Avenue, and narrowly lost a game that they really should have won.

Sully batted first and, after losing Shaz Rehan for one early on, Matthew Thomas and Shae Ellis took the score along to 97 before Tommo was lbw to Davies.

In his innings of 52, he hit ten 4s and an enormous 6 that cleared the sight screen and landed half way down the beach.

He was followed by Shae Ellis, who was caught for 45, with the score on 127 for 3.

A nicely made 40 from new boy Keri Morgan and 33 from old boy returning, Mike Hayes, along with 18 from Owain Sullivan,

helped the score along to 210 at the end, but it always felt like it was 20 or 30 runs too few.

The visitors' reply got off to a stuttering start when openers Cameron Protheroe (5) and Tony Dowrick (17) fell victim to Peter Rose to leave Mumbles on 43 for 2.

Lloyd Bruce bowled his usual accurate line and picked up 3 for 36 off 12 overs and Laurence O'Sullivan again impressed with 2 for 38 off 12. Then, after Brown had been run out for 1, the game hung in the balance until the 4th ball of the 50th over when Alex Protheroe hit the winning runs to secure a one wicket victory.

Centurions 210 all out, Mumbles 212 for 9. Centurions' Third XI hosted Mountain Ash at Wenvoe and had Sam Banga, 6 wickets for 12, to thank for a convincing victory. Centurions 78 for 4, Mountain Ash 77 all out.

The Fourths travelled to Shirenewton to take on Chepstow Fourth XI, and were on the wrong end of a drubbing. Chepstow 258/5, Centurions 100 all out.

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